Russian Gives **New Warning** To NATO on Ex-East Bloc

Ties With Former Allies. Would Force Reaction, **Intelligence Chief Says**

By Steven Erlanger

MOSCOW - Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, with the support of the Russian mili-tary, warned NATO on Thursday that any move to incorporate East European countries would force Moscow into "fundamental" military countermeasures and heighten anti-Westem sentiments.

Some of the countries of Eastern Europe formerly under Soviet domination, like Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, have asked to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
While the Russian president, Bons N. Yeltsin, reacted calmly to the idea in late August, the Russian military has pushed him to recon-

France wants to see NATO evolve, but not in association with East European states, Page 2.

sider. On Sept. 30, Mr. Yeltsin wrote Western leaders warning them against expanding NATO eastward

But the declaration on Thursday by the di-rector of the Intelligence Service, Yevgeni M. Primakov, was a remarkable intervention in the debate by the foreign-intelligence arm of the

Mr. Primakov, citing an internal analysis, said his agency was convenced that NATO would decide in principle to expand at a Janu-

ary summit meeting.

This expansion would bring the biggest military grouping in the world, with its colossal offensive potential, directly to the borders of Russia," he said at a press conference.

"If this happens, the need would arise for a fundamental reappraisal of all defense concepts on our side, a redeployment of armed forces

and changes in operational plans."

The internal analysis which he released Thursday, goes further. A NATO expansion, it said, would also require "the restructuring of armed forces, a reconsideration of the structure of the theaters of military activity, the creation of additional infrastructure, the relocation of major military contingents and changes in the character of combat training.

Such changes could break Russia's budget, the report said, and if there is not enough money for the army and the social needs of its soldiers, "irritation in military circles might emerge that is not in the interests of the politi-

psychological impact, the report said.

Public opinion in the Russian Federation has long been formed in the anti-NATO spirit, and it cannot change in an hour." That former Soviet allies should join NATO will be taken by a considerable part of Russian society as 'the approach of danger to the Motherland's borders, thus promoting anti-Western forces and

isolationist tendencies."

According to the newspaper Izvestia, Mr. Primakov's position has the explicit support of the Russian military, putting the security minis-tries in some conflict with the Russian Foreign Ministry. The Foreign Ministry, the paper said,

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Kiosk

Dies of Cancer at 76

Anthony Burgess, whose novel "A Clockwork Orange" offered a vision of a violence-ridden fature, died of cancer in

Mr. Burgess wrote more than 50 books

and dozens of musical compositions, from operas, choral works and song cycles to

symphonies and concertos. He also wrote radio and TV scripts, as well as countless

not ashamed to belong to the 'Grab Street'

cofraternity which Dr. Johnson honored,"

he told the Paris Review in 1973. "But

primarily I call myself a serious novelist who is attempting to extend the range of subject matter available to fiction, and a

words much as a poet does." (Page 5)

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In Vietnam, a stroll through time. Page 8.

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"I call myself a professional writer in that I must write in order to eat, and I am

Anthony Burgess

London on Thursday at 76.



EGYPT'S PRIME MINISTER ESCAPES CAR BOMBING — Wreckage caused by a powerful car bomb that was intended to assassinate Prime Minister Atef Sedki in a people were wounded. The militant Muslim Jihad group claimed responsibility. Page 4.

Kohl's Chagrin: His Nominee for President Quits

By Craig R. Whitney New York Times Service

BONN - Steffen Heitmann, the conservative candidate for the German presidency whose views had become an embarrassment to his patron, Chancellor Helmut Kohl, withdrew from the race Thursday and said another man from Eastern Germany should get the job.

The failure of the chancellor's attempt to impose Mr. Heitmann's candidacy was, as opposition leaders put it, one of the worst political defeats of Mr. Kohl's 11 years in office, coming just as he was beginning a campaign for reelection in October.

Mr. Kohl, who had plucked Mr. Heitmann

mer as a gesture to the disgruntled and largely unemployed voters of the formerly Communist part of the country, expressed frustration and

The intolerable campaign of personal attacks and slander against Steffen Heitmann in recent months disgraced all who took part in it," he said angrily.

Mr. Heitmann, a 49-year-old Protestant Church lawyer during East Germany's Communist Party rule, had been steadily losing support in Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic

arty. His awkward attempts to explain his beliefs women should spend more time in the home with their children, and that Germans should not be held eternally in thrall to their past, showed that he was unsuited to the office, according to such Christian Democratic critics as Friedbert Pflüger, a member of Parliament who wrote in early October that Mr. Heitmann's candidacy would split the country rath-

To his own and Mr. Kohl's embarrassment, the slight, cigarillo-smoking Mr. Heitmann was eagerly endorsed by the neo-Nazi and ultranationalist German People's Union party and other similar groups.

Earlier this fall, Mr. Kohl's coalition partners, the Free Democrats, nominated Hildegard Hamm-Brüchher, a 72-year-old elder sta-

said, he was appealing to all other candidates to

teswoman, and the opposition Social Democrats picked Johannes Rau, 62, the premier of North Rhine-Westphalia.

A successor to President Richard von Weizsäcker, a Christian Democrat, will be chosen May 23 by an assembly that includes the members of both houses of parliament and members of the German state legislatures, carefully proportioned to reflect party strengths.

Mr. Heitmann announced Thursday morning in Dresden that he was withdrawing, but not in favor of a candidate from Western Ger-

In the interest of German national unity, he

withdraw in favor of Richard Schröder, a Social Democratic pastor from Eastern Germany who is now dean of theology at Humboldt Universi-But Mr. Rau said he saw no reason to pull out now and Mr. Schröder, 49, repeated that he

would not run against him. Some speculated that Mr. Kohl might nominate Roman Herzog, a 59-year-old West German who is president of the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe. The presidency is a largely ceremonial office,

but in two terms during the past nine years Mr.
von Weizsäcker made it into a kind of national tribunal, presenting the respectable face of Germany to the outside world and reconciling

Volkswagen **And Union** Slash Week To 29 Hours

Salaries to Be Cut 10%; Some See the Settlement As a Model for Industry

By Ferdinand Protzman

New York Times Service BONN - Volkswagen AG, Europe's largest automaker, reached an agreement Thursday with the IG Metall metalworkers union on a radical plan to reduce costs by putting production workers at its six German plants on a 29hour workweek while cutting their pay by nearly 10 percent.

The agreement was the latest sign that proposals to shorten the workweek have gained wider acceptance recently in Europe, especially amid the severe recession that has brought a sharp downturn in the auto industry.

Settled in Hannover after 14 hours of intense negotiations, the accord calls for VW's production employees to begin working a four-day week of 28.8 hours as of Jan. 1. Currently, they work a five-day, 36-hour week.

The measures are unprecedented in German industry. While many companies use a four-day week, none has attempted to cut the total work time so dramatically.

Oskar Lafontaine, an economics expert in the opposition Social Democratic Party that hopes to come to power in elections next year, said the compromise could become a model for other companies struggling with high costs and "The decision is an example of reason," he

An agreement had been expected after Peter Hartz, head of labor relations at VW, essentially gave the union an ultimatum when he proposed the shorter workweek on Oct. 28.

Citing the automaker's huge losses, slumping sales and production costs that are among the highest in the automotive industry, Mr. Hartz had offered production workers a choice: accept the shorter week and pay cut, or see 30,000 of the company's 100,000 German jobs eliminated by the end of 1995.

VW's goal was to cut its personnel costs by about 20 percent through the plan. Jochen Schumm, the company's chief negotiator, said had come "very near" to that level. Mr. Schumm said the four-day workweek

should save the company about 1.7 billion Deutsche marks (\$1 billion) annually in personnel costs over the next two years. VW's personnel costs totaled about 10 billion DM last year. The Frankfurt Stock Exchange welcomed the

company's savings estimate, and VW shares rose 9.50 DM, or 2.3 percent, to close at 412 Union officials expressed satisfaction with

the agreement, saying they had succeeded in preserving workers' monthly base-pay levels by spreading traditional holiday bonuses and vacation pay over the year. Jürgen Peters, who led the IG Metall negotia-

French Official Expects Trade Accord country in general." There would also be a domestic political and Edouard Balladur was laying political groundwork, among the factions of his con-By Barry James international Herold Tribune

PARIS — In a fresh sign of movement toward a world trade accord, a French minister said Thursday that he expected a draft agreement on the dispute with the United States over agricultural trade to be ready for a parliamentary vote by Dec. 10.

The comment by Industry Minister Gérard Longuet, the minister in charge of the trade talks, acknowledged something that France previously denied: that the contentious talks are making progress toward meeting a Dec.

It also indicated that Prime Minister

servative government, for the approval of a trade compromise between the United States and the European Community, French politi-

mands to reopen an agreement reached a year ago that would restrict certain French agricultural exports.

A parliamentary vote presumably would

require many of Mr. Balladur's potential rivals in the 1995 presidential elections to also take a stand on the issue.

The announcement by Mr. Longuet fol-lowed a meeting of the Rally for the Republic party, attended by Mr. Balladur and the party's president. Jacques Chirac. Mr. Chirac is now an ally of Mr. Balladur's in the coalition spective rival in the presidential elections. "I hope that we will have concrete propos-

that the Europeans can agree on Dec. 10," Mr. Longuet said on French radio, Mr. Balla-

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Mr. Balladur's goal, they said Thursday, is See CANDIDATE, Page 4-See VW, Page 12 to achieve agreement on the politically un-popular accord without exposing himself to government, but he is widely seen as a proaccusations of selling out French farmers to meet Washington's demands. China Blocks Murdoch The United States is resisting France's deals from the Americans before Dec. 10 and

SHANGHAI — Beijing has blocked a magazine joint venture by Rupert Murdoch, dealing another blow to the Australian's vision of penetrating China's media markets, officials said. A linkup between Shanghai's state-run Better Life magazine and Mr. Murdoch's News Corp. would have marked the first Western invest-

ment in a mainstream publication in China. But Berter Life's editor, Hu Xiaosheng, said Thursday that Beijing had rejected News Corp.'s application for undisclosed reasons.

"They did not approve the project and didn't

is not yet ripe in China for this kind of venture. Give it another year or two.

The official China Daily quoted Mr. Hu last summer as saying that News Corp. had pro-posed buying 50 percent of the lifestyle bimonthly and that editorial exchanges had already begun. He said at the time that the venture was receiving favorable consideration at the highest levels of the Communist Party's Propaganda Department

But the deal is said to have soured after Mr. Murdoch, in The Times of London, criticized Beijing's heavy control of information.

In September, two months after buying the Hong Kong-based satellite television network STAR TV. Mr. Murdoch boasted that such telecommunications technologies posed "an unambiguous threat to totalitarian regimes everywhere." Observers say this attack may have undermined his China ambitions.

"Satellite broadcasting makes it possible for information-hungry residents of many closed societies to bypass state-controlled television,"
Mr. Murdoch wrote. STAR TV's footprint reaches into China.

A News Corp. spokeswoman in Sydney, Geraldine Paton, played down the setback. saying that Mr. Murdoch's focus had shifted to TV and that his main China play was STAR TV. Mr. Murdoch's purchase of STAR in July

seemed to offer a way of bringing 1.1 billion Chinese consumers into his media empire. But China later banned satellite dishes for

Churchill's Archives Give No Clue on Pearl Harbor

From Magazine Venture

By John Darnton New York Times Service

LONDON - The British government has begun releasing documents from Winston Churchill's secret wartime intelligence archive.

war's greatest mysteries — whether Churchill knew of the impending Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. One document, dated Dec. 4 — three days before the attack — is an intercepted message

but so far they do not shed light on one of the

two days earlier from the Japanese foreign ninister in Tokyo to the Japanese ambassador in Washington, ordering him to destroy secret documents, ciphers and related materials, presumably a step that would be taken just before the outbreak of war.

There is no indication whether this document was shared with the Americans, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

A statement drawn up by the Public Record Office to accompany the first trickle of documents said: "None of the intercepts obviously indicate that British sources were aware in advance of the Japanese attack on Pearl Har-

bor, although it was clear that Japan was about to enter the war."

But the statement went on: "It is possible that historians making a detailed examination of all the relevant material might draw a differ-

A spokesman for the records office said that that simply meant that the archivists had not plowed through all 1.273 files, representing the daily intelligence reports given to Churchill in the years 1941-1942, which go into the public domain Friday. He said it did not suggest that anyone had unearthed a piece of paper that was ambiguous or that suggested Churchill knew and did not tell President Franklin D. Roosevelt about the attack.

In their 1991 book "Betrayal at Pearl Harbor," the authors James Rusbridger and Eric Nave argue that British code-breakers based at Singapore at the British Far East Combined Bureau had cracked JN-25, the Japanese naval code, and so learned of the imminent attack on the main U.S. naval base at Hawaii, They

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Beneath Ancient Clay, a Spurned Lover

By Fred Hiatt

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Historian Valentin Yanin has spent nearly 50 summers unearthing treasures and artifacts from Russia's premier archeological site, yet nothing had prepared him for this summer's discovery of Russia's oldest love let-

It was written, around the year 1100, on birch bark, like hundreds of other letters Mr. Yanin and his team had found in the medieval city of Novgorod. As with the others, the archaeologists gingerly carried the muddy, rolled-up mess to a lab for cleaning, excited but expecting what they had mostly found before: a contract, a statement of debts, a business document of

But as they gently washed and soaked and

showed that this was no ordinary missive. And after an incur of gentle cleansing, with the strips fully infuried. Mr. Yamin read a cri de cocur that echoed mournfully across nine centuries, from Russia's first documented spurned lover. "I have sent to you three times," she began,

along with the elegant female penmanship.

in a letter that tactfully omitted her lover's name. "What is the evil you hold against me, that you have never visited me this week? Is it that I burt you by sending to you, and you, as I see, do not like it? If you liked it, you would have broken free from people's eyes, and

The recipient had torn the letter in three, perhaps in anger, perhaps in fear of discovery; tantalizingly, the middle strip has not been

unrolled the bark, a few phrases emerged that, found. But after a few sentences that can be read only in fragments ("... now someplace else ... write to me about ..."), the letter concludes, in the same calm and well-bred hand, with passion: "Even if I hurt you thoughtlessly, if you will begin mocking me, let God judge you, and my weakness."

Perhaps more than in most countries, Russians look to archaeology to score points: to prove that Russia can never be a democracy, or that its essence was always democratic; that Ukraine was never part of Russia, or that it always was; that Russians have always been backward, or that they once led the way.

The site at Novgorod, near St. Petersburg, has provided enough discoveries to both fuel See LETTER, Page 2

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By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service PRESTON, England - The day after a jury here found two 11-year-old boys guilty of the abduction and savage murder of a Liverpool toddler, the police, politicians and psychiatrists across Britain were searching for an answer Thursday to the question the trial did not answer: How is it that two otherwise normal children could commit such a barbaric crime?

At the end of 18 days of hearings in this northern industrial city, 40 kilometers (25 miles) northeast of Liverpool, even Crown Court Judge Michael Moreland wondered aloud at what went so terribly wrong, describing the conduct of Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, both 10 at the time of the murder, as "cunning and very wicked" films might have played some part in influencing them.

For Britain, the sheer horror of the crime, reinforced by grainy photographs from store security cameras that chillingly captured the boys' abduction of 2-year-old James Bulger, has continued to tug at the

ROME - With the press baron in Naples.

Silvio Berlusconi openly backing a

Thursday supporting the leftist

contender in the Rome mayoral

The petition coincided with a

strike by more than 200 journalists

at Mr. Berlusconi's Mondadori

publishing company, which pro-

duces the weekly Panorama news

magazine. They said they refused

to be used to further the industrial-

AC Milan soccer club, touched off

a national furor by publicly ex-

pressing support for Gianfranco

Fini, the candidate of the ultrar-

ightist Italian Social Movement.

which is also fronting the grand-

daughter of the Fascist dictator Be-

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protect and nurture its children.

pendent, a Lendon newspaper, on Thurs- effects of violent movies on youngsters. day called "a remedy for our collective and wonder if they could be their children, and dressed in toddlers' clothes.

The jury agreed with prosecutors that the two boys were capable of knowing right from wrong when they abducted and killed James. But so far, there seems to be little agreement as to why the crime happened. To Sergeant Phil Roberts, one of the role in the killing.

iverpool police, it was a case of a couple Even so, Sky Television, a Londonand even suggesting that violent video Liverpool police, it was a case of a couple of bad seeds, of inherent evil. "I believe human nature spurts out freaks," he said. "These two were freaks who just found each other." One of them, Robert, was worse than the other, he said, but together. they were a deadly combination.

Others see the crime as the symptom of a gence. By conventional standards, they en-

EDUCATION IN FRANCE — A student shouting Thursday at policemen who were blocking access by protesters to the National

Assembly in Paris. Thousands demonstrated around France to demand more teachers and more money for the education system.

nito Mussolini in the mayoral race. Mr. Fini, but not enough to avoid a

neofascist candidate, intellectuals including Adolfo Perez Esquivel of ies to oppose Mr. Berlusconi, the called him "the black cavalier." Argentina, the 1980 Nobel Peace head of Europe's largest media em-

They urged Romans to vote for tionwide boycott campaign, urging Francesco Rutelli, who is support-consumers to avoid Mr. Berlus-

ed by the former Communist Dem- coni's three television stations, his

Greens, the Radicals and by some tate business, cinemas, financial

runoff.

Committees sprang up in 20 cit-

The committees planned a na-

ocratic Party of the Left, the chain of supermarkets, his real es- party leader, Mino Martinazzoli,

Mr. Rutelli won 40 percent of the pers. The tycoon backed Mr. Fini as they prepare for general elec-

LETTER: Under Ancient Clay, a Lover's Complaint

military, westward-looking trading

Moreover, while other parts of

Russia were moving toward the ab-

solutism embraced by czars and

Communist tyrants, Novgorod ea-

joved a kind of aristocratic democ-

racy, with landowners often exer-

cising more influence than the

prince who was nominally in

Much of this is known thanks to

Air and humidity are what even-

tually destroy most everyday ob-

iects. Mr. Yanin explained. If ar-

chaeology in the Middle East

depends on dryness, in Novgorod it

clay, so air cannot enter the satu-

rated soil, and many of the objects

and wood objects is itself an impor-

tant corrective to common percep-

tions," he wrote in the Scientific

exhibits that feature objects of met-

al, stone and glass, when 90 percent

of household objects in medieval

Like a child opening his Christ-mas presents, Mr. Yanin recently

displayed some of this year's finds

as excited as he must have been

during his first Novgorod dig in

"How misleading are museum

American magazine in 1990.

times were made of wood!"

Water cannot drain through the

The sheer quantity of leather

is just the opposite.

a thick layer of clay beneath Nov-

gorod.

services, magazines and newspa-rebirth of the Christian Democrats

laureate, said that Mr. Fini's elec-tion would "encourage intolerance" bire, who is considered a likely bid-der for public office. The scandal-tainted

vote in the first round of the elec- in an open letter published in news- tions in the spring.

An Anti-Fascist Mobilization in Rome

The petition by 100 intellectuals,

tion Sunday, 4 percent more than papers.

and debunk countless myths. One

of Russia's oldest cities, it is cher-

ished by Mr. Yanin for a unique

geology that has preserved every-

day objects of wood, cloth and

But on the summer day when he

first read the love letter, Mr. Yanin,

64, found himself thinking, for

once, neither of democracy nor of

medieval trading patterns or tool-

"A person lives and dies and

suffers, and after two or three gen-

erations, no one on Earth remem-

bers," Mr. Yanin said recently in

his office at Moscow State Univer-

sity, where he teaches archaeology

after Russia's short digging season

years - and suddenly we learn her

name. We read her letters. It's like a

resurrection. This is a profoundly

moving thing."
Novgorod, today a medium-

sized Russian city with a well-pre-

served citadel, was a state of con-

siderable size and importance

between the 11th and 15th centu-

ries, when Russia was a shifting

mix of fieldoms and numerous

While its rivals mostly battled

against each other across the

steppes and through the forests,

Novgorod managed to build a

prosperous peace as a largely non-

"Then 500 years pass, or 900

leather.

making skills.

and racist hate."

Christian Democrats.

In a way, this search to understand is part of a healing process, what The Indepart of a healing process, what The Indepart of a healing process, what The Indepart of a healing process what The Indepart of the Indepart of

The police acknowledge that the father trauma." In February, people were haunt- of one of the boys had rented a horror ed by the thought that what happened to movie a few weeks before the Bulger muryoung James could happen to their own der in which two young boys must battle children; now they look at the two killers. and kill a doll possessed by an evil killer

> But Detective Superintendent Albert Kirby, the Liverpool police official who led the inquiry, said at a press conference Wednesday night that the police had no evidence the boys ever saw the video. "Child's Play 3," and doubted it played a

> based cable network, announced Thursday that it was withdrawing the film from a scheduled airing Friday night as a result of the disclosures in the Bulger case. According to evidence presented in the

trial, the two boys were of average intelli-

from school more than he was present last no shame, an urge to gratify their wishes at year. Both boys were playing hooky the any expense." day of the murder.

psychological record to suggest that they were prone to sort of barbarity that befell

What makes the Bulger case so remarkwas not a single act of impulsive behavior. but rather a sustained ordeal that took place over a period of nearly three hours. from the time the two boys lured James from his mother's side at a Liverpool shopping mall, bullied him on a two-and-a-half mile forced march across town to their own neighborhood, and finally bashed in his skull with bricks, stones and a 9-kilogram his blood. (20-pound) metal rod along a lonely stretch of railroad track.

nation's conscience, provoking a mixture culture that enshrines violence. Already dured a less than ideal childhood, and London University's Institute of Psychia of revulsion, horror and fury, and raising members of Parliament are picking up on investigators and psychiatrists question try, said there was no simple answer. He larger questions about society's failure to Judge Moreland's offhanded remark about their upbringing in poor single-parent notes that the boys show symptoms of video films — unsupported by any evidence introduced during the trial — and misbehavior was either ignored or overdisplaying in miniature all the requisite looked. Robert, for example, was absent features of hostile feelings, self-obsession,

> But, he said, many of their actions also Still, there was nothing in their social or suggest little more than "childish bad behavior," as they wandered aimlessly around the shopping mall before the ab-duction, throwing a toy soldier on a moving escalator and meekly accepting scoldable, most agree, is the fact that the crime ings from adults who asked why they were not in school.

They even lied like children - badly clumsily trying to cover their tracks after they were arrested, and admitting at one point they did not want to move James's battered body off the railroad tracks where he was left, because they did not want to

Dr. Persand said the greater problem was the failure of schools, families and In an article on Thursday in The Daily other institutions to inculcate in children a

France to Increase NATO Cooperation

By Barry James

conventional forces and cooperate ed States is not willing to particiclosely with the North Atlantic pate, the sources added. Treaty Organization but believes that Europe must have the means to intervene independently in situations where the United States is not willing to participate, senior military sources said Thursday.

You should not suspect us of wanting to undermine the alliance," a senior military planner said. "We want to see it evolve, and we are prepared to evolve with it." NATO leaders are scheduled to

hold a summit meeting in January to discuss the evolution of the orga-

The officials added that France did not support the idea of associ-ating Poland and other East European countries with the alliance, saying that it would be a mistake to NATO Warned give the impression that Europe was ganging up on Russia.

They said the French govern-

ment believed that bringing the for-mer Warsaw Pact countries into NATO would do nothing to improve their security or that of Westem Europe.

Instead, they said the East Europeans should seek greater economic and political rapprochement with the European Community.

Likening Mr. Berlusconi to Mus-

solini's black-shirted Fascists, the

Rome newspaper La Repubblica

The daily is owned by his archri-

The scandal-tainted Christian

Democrats will change their name

to the Popular Party in January

following their shattering defeat in

Sunday's municipal elections. The

There was a playing die with two

faces showing four and two show-

ing five, and none showing one or

two. "You think we only recently

His team has found Christian

crosses and heathen amulets. There

were coins from Cambridge in Eng-

land. Cologne in Germany, Byzan-

swords and oversized fishhooks

that showed. Mr. Yanin said, that

the salmon in the Volkhov River

Most exciting for historians,

Medieval Russia was "rich in

sources," Mr. Yanin said. The let-

eracy was more widespread than

previously believed, and that Nov-

gorod's artisans and traders were

more sophisticated and far-rang-

Only about 2 percent of Novgo-

rod has been excavated, Mr. Yanin

said; at least 20,000 more birch-

bark letters must se waiting below

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ters help correct that.

ing, Mr. Yanin said.

were heftier in prepoliution days.

however, has been the discovery

over the years of 753 birch-bark

letters.

There were beard combs and toy

tium in what is now Turkey.

learned how to cheat?" he asked.

(AFP. AP, Reuters)

According to the sources, a French white paper scheduled for publication in February will call for a continuation of the nuclear deterrent well into the next century, but will place greater emphasis on conventional forces to deal with security situations in and outside of Europe, such as the civil war in the former Yugoslavia.

They said that France was willing to cooperate in international actions in any way that was most said the change would mark the effective whether through NATO or directly under the command of the United Nations.

The only conditions it imposed they said, was that it must be involved in the planning of any action and must have a role in the command structure.

France is a member of NATO but does not officially participate in the alliance's military command.

Closer collaboration does not preclude involvement in purely European groupings such as the Western European Union, or the Franco-German Eurocorps, which also has Dutch and Belgian participation, the officials said. Indeed, such initiatives are likely to multiply if the United States further reduces its forces and political involvement in Europe.

The government believes that there can be no serious NATO action without the participation of French forces. But if the United States does not want to take part,

events, but poor in written Angolan Regime Expels Two Zairian Diplomats They show, for example, that lit-

LUANDA, Angola - The government said Thursday it was expelling two Zairian diplomats for activities incompatible with their diplomatic status in Angola," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The ministry gave the two men 48 hours to leave, the spokesman said.

The government accuses Zaire of aiding rebels of the National Union "When the number we have dis- for the Total Independence of Ancovered doubles or triples, we will gola who took up arms again after losing UN-supervised elections in imagine today," the professor said. September 1992.

International Herald Tribune ized. The Europeans must be able PARIS — France will beef up its to act in situations where the Unit-

The Eurocorps has three divi-French officials said such European cooperation was likely to grow in coming years, despite British and Dutch concern about weakening the strategic link with the United

On Thursday, Denmark decided to set up a 4,500-man army brigade for use in NATO and United Nations task forces, altering a long-standing policy of staying out of military conflicts.

RUSSIA:

Continued from Page 1 is "not in general opposed to the broadening of NATO and wants the establishment of a rapid part-

nership with it." Asked about any such dispute, Mr. Primakov said that "some discrepancies, tactical and so on, always exist between various agencies" in every country.

"But I don't know of a single agency that has any fundamental objection to the principles explained in this report, the Foreign Ministry included," he said.

The Clinton administration, eager not to offend Mr. Yeltsin or the newly independent states of Eastern Europe, has suggested a "Part-nership for Peace" that could involve Eastern and Central European countries in joint exercises and meetings, but with no expansion of NATO membership

Ideas like the "Partnership for Peace" will be discussed at a NATO summit meeting in January. Mr. Primakov said he believed that NATO would decide in principle, at that January meeting, to expand beyond its current 16 members. which include Western European countries, the United States and

Mr. Primakov said he was not worried about NATO's expansion as a springboard from which to attack Russia. That sort of "primitive thinking" is not widespread in the new Russia, he said, addin "NATO today is not the NATO of

the Cold War period." "But this does not remove the onestion of the military-security interests of the Russian Federation,

He said he understood that NATO was moving away from its Cold War role in opposition to the disbanded Warsaw Pact. But the transition is not very fast, he said, and Russia has its own interests to protect.

Russia would be less concerned. Mr. Primakov said, if it had guarantees that NATO was moving more quickly toward a post-Cold War political role and away from its former military one, or at least if its "political functions and geo-graphical scope expanded in paral-

"But such guarantees are lacking," he said.
The question is: Will the expan

sion of NATO membership by itself promote its transformation into a political instrument that will be adequate to the tasks of the post-confrontation period? The analysts of the Foreign Intelligence Service say 'no.'

WORLD BRIEFS

UN Says Serbs Delay Food Convoys

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Renters) - The United Nations accused Bosnian Serbs on Thursday of hampering efforts to bring food and supplies to millions of Bosnians threatened by butter winter weather. Clearly and intentionally, the Bosnian Serbs are trying to delay relief

aid designated for people in central Bosnia." said Peter Kessler, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugers.

A convoy carrying flour, shoes, plastic sheeting and nails for the Muslim enclave of Zepa in eastern Bosnia was delayed for three hours before being allowed to continue. The delay means the tracks will not return to Belgrade in time to form a convoy for the northern Muslim city of Tuzla on Friday, a UN spokesman said in Belgrade.

Yeltsin Camp Attacks Political Ads

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris N. Yeltsin's chief spokesman complained Thursday about the proliferation of political advertising that he said was filled with "rude public insults" and "downright bad

Thirteen parties competing for political power began taking to Russia's airwaves this week in advance of parliamentary elections Dec. 12. Potential voters are swamped with toments of lies, inventions, social demagogy and downright bad language from television screens," said Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov. This is the first time Russia has had a Western-style political campaign.

Mr. Kostikov suggested that some of the political commercials were aimed at provoking Mr. Yeltsin into banning them and making him look undernocratic. "The final goal of the provocation is clear - to disrupt the elections and the referendum on a new constitution," he said,

Shevardnadze Promises New State

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Ordering lawnskers to take a two-mouth recess, the Georgian leader, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, said Toursday that the nation would get a new constitution and a new parliament.

He made the announcement at the first meeting of parliament since a state of emergency was declared in September during an insurrection in

Western Georgia. Lawmakers had voluntarily agreed to suspend parliament for two months when they agreed to the initial state of emergency. Last week, as the end of the recess neared, Mr. Shewardnadze issued a decree extending the state of emergency until Jan. 20. He also created his own political party, the Citizen's Union.

sions and about 40,000 troops. The Paris Answers China on Dalai Lama

PARIS (AFP) - The French Foreign Ministry on Thursday stressed the "pastoral and private nature" of the Dalai Lama's recent visit to

France, in response to a protest from China.

France, in response to a protest from China.

In our contacts with the Chinese authorities we have reminded them of the conditions under which the Dalai Lama came to France and under which he had meetings with French officials," a ministry spokesman said.

Earlier Thursday, Beijing denounced the exiled Tibetan leader's meeting with President François Mitterrand at the Elyste Palace on Nov. 16.

"The French leader's meeting with him constitutes an interference in Chinese internal affairs," a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Lufthansa Weighs a No-Frills Shuttle

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FRANKFURT (AP) — Lufthansa German Airlines plans to launch a no-frills airline next spring, a newspaper reported Thursday. A spokesman for the government-controlled carrier said the report in the Munich-based Süddeutsche Zeitung was based on an obsolete proposal, but he did not deny that Lufthansa planned to create such an airline next ye

"We are going to have to reckon with a European shuttle in 1994," said a Lufthansa spokesman, Josef Grendel, without confirming that his company would be offering it. He said the carrier had long been studying

With liberalized airline competition in the European Community. someone will inevitably offer cheaper short and medium flights, Mr. Grendel said. Such a carrier would be comparable in concept to South-west Airline, which does not offer meals or other extras and was the only U.S. carrier to make a profit last year.

Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehnene of Belgium refused Thursday to go back on a wage freeze as unions prepared for a general strike on Friday to protest the government's austerity measures. Transportation, banking and industry are expected to be shut down.

walked to work after large sections of the Underground remained closed while engineers hunted through miles of cabling for a power fault that stranded 20,000 passengers on Wednesday.

Paris-area transport services face disruption on Friday because of a demonstration by unions protesting the budget to be voted in the morning by the board of the RATP transport company. Between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M., only 50 percent of trains are expected to be running on the urban Métro. Service will be about the same or a little more frequent on the suburban RER network, and at 70 percent on buses. The rest of the day is expected to be more or less normal.

Employees at the French domestic airline Air Inter held a 10-hour strike Thursday to protest what the unions termed a "brutal deregulation" plan. The airline said 10 to 15 flights out of 40 scheduled were being canceled because of the strike, which was to last from 2 P.M. to midnight. (AFP)

Crtibank has informed holders of its AAdvantage Visa or Mastercard that starting Jan. I they will be limited to 60,000 miles - redeemable for tickets on American Airlines - each calendar year. Credits are accumulated according to purchases made with the cards.

Malaysian State's New Code Imposes Death for Adultery

KUALA LUMPUR - A Malaysian state approved Islamic laws Thursday that prescribe amoutation for theft and death by storing All 36 legislators in Kelantan in northeastern Malaysia, including

two from Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad's governing Na-tional Front coalition, voted in favor of the Islamic criminal code. The National Front's representative, Wan Najib Wan Mohamad told the state assembly he supported the bill because "I knew and understood that whosoever rejected the law of Allah would not be free from the offense of tyranny, paganism and atheism."

But in order for Islamic law to take effect in Kelantan, the federal

constitution would have to be changed, officials said. The constitution can only be amended by the national parliament, dominated by the National Front A Front member of parliament who represents a Kelantan constituency, Ibrahim Ali, said that the

body was unlikely to approve the legislation.

The legislation in Kelantan would apply only to Muslims, but non-Muslims can also choose to be governed by it. It requires amputation of the right hand for first-time thieves and amputation of the left foot for second offenders. Repeat offenders would be jailed. Those guilty of being drunk can be caned up to 80 times.

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Prosecution of FBI Agents Possible in Idaho Standoff

By David Johnston and Stephen Labaton

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The bloody standoff between the FBI's clite paramilitary force and a white separatist in Idaho has produced one of the largest and most wenching internal inquiries ever conducted by the Justice Department, threatening some of the country's top law-enforcement officials with criminal prosecution.

The far-reaching inquiry, which has been under way for weeks but has remained largely unknown, centers on the operation. at a remote ridge in August 1992 by the Hostage Rescue Team, the FBI unit trained to capture terrorists, hostage-takers and other violent criminals with minimal

The rescue unit was sent to the Idaho mountain after a confrontation between the white separatist, Randall Weaver, and federal marshals in which a federal agent and Mr. Weaver's 14-year-old son were

The next day a sniper from the rescue team shot and killed Mr. Weaver's wife, Vicki, who was in the doorway of their ton official involved in allowing the agents cabin holding their 10-month-old daughton to shoot without provocation, a change in ter. She was not considered a threat, and the FBI later acknowledged that she had been shot by mistake. After a 10-day siege, Mr. Weaver surrendered.

Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann, who is supervising the inquiry, described it as a top-to-bottom review of the shals Service.

People who have been interviewed by government agents in the course of the inquiry said it was focusing on whether officials misjudged the danger the agency's limits on the use of deadly force by killing Mrs. Weaver.

The inquiry also is examining whether officials failed to consider less aggressive tactics and later closed ranks to avoid scrutiny of their actions.

investigators from the Office of Professional Responsibility, the Justice Department's internal ethics unit, have warned top managers, agents, prosecutors and former officials that they could face civil or criminal charges, including obstruction of justice and violations of civil rights law.

The investigation has begun to reach the highest officials in the FBI and the Justice Department in the Bosh administration, although investigators say many of the officials they interviewed were not likely to be charged.

Among those questioned is Larry Potts, head of the FBI's criminal investigative division, who is the most senior Washingprocedures that led to the death of Mrs.

Other officials who have been questioned include George Terwilliger 3d, a former deputy attorney general, and Henry Hudson, a former director of the U.S. Mar-

Investigators say they also will talk to

William Barr, a former attorney general:
William Sessions, a former FBI director, Justice Department, Team members have unit, the inquiry has stirred deep resentation announced Wednesday he was retiring a 1991 case when they stormed a prison took defend their actions and regard the ing. Officials said his departure was unrelated to the inquiry.

In interviews with The New York Times, Mr. Barr, Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Sessions

The probe is focusing on whether officials knowingly violated the agency's limits on the use of deadly force.

said they were not directly involved in the decisions that led to Mrs. Weaver's death. The FBI director, Louis Freeh, would not permit any bureau officials to comment on the case.

"Complex legal issues should not be prejudged," he said. "My priorities are firm: that the complete truth be discovered about this case, that the truth be given to

prosecutor in Boundary County, Idaho, where the incident took place, could lead to but collapsed under contradictions. Mr. homicide charges against FBI agents. The Hostage Rescue team has achieved ted.

Earlier this year, the team's performance law. was heavily criticized after it led the teargas assault on the Branch Davidian com- commander, have refused to cooperate pound near Waco, Texas, it ended when the compound caught fire and at least 75

Now, after the two deadly incidents, agency officials are planning changes in managing crises.

The hostage team was called into the Idaho case on Aug. 21, 1992, after William Degan, a decorated U.S. marshal, was killed in a shoot-out on Ruby Ridge with Mr. Weaver and two others that left Mr. eaver's son, Samuel, dead. The marshals had been preparing to arrest Mr. Weaver on charges of selling weapons.

That evening the FBI hostage team flew to Idaho, and it encircled the Weaver cabin the next day. Then, acting under the re- sawed-off shotguns to undercover agents. laxed restrictions on the use of force, an FBI sharpshooter killed Mrs. Weaver.

Nine days later, Mr. Weaver and a famere wounded by FBI agents, surrendered. Some FBI officials said they also feared Federal prosecutors in Boise, Idaho, that a separate investigation by a state charged them with killing Marshal Degan. But in July, after the prosecution case all Weaver and Mr. Harris were both acquit-

taken part in dozens of operations, including a 1991 case when they stormed a prison
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Some including Richard Rogers, its with investigators.

The questions about the FBI's conduct come more than a year after an initial review by the bureau itself, in September 1992, justified the killing of Mrs. Weaver on grounds that she had willfully placed herself in harm's way.

The timing could not be worse for the FBI. The agency defended its decision to attack the Branch Davidians with tear gas by saying that the hostage team was fa-tigued after the 51-day siege. Mr. Weaver's troubles with the law be-

gan when agents from the Treasury's Bureau of Alcohol. Tobacco and Firearms maneuvered him into selling two illegal

in 1991, a court clerk's error led authorities to mail him a summons with the wrong date for a court hearing. He became a the courts and the public, and that the law ily friend. Kevin Harris, both of whom federal fugitive when he failed to appear at the hearing. Federal marshals then spent months planning how to arrest him.

Months before his death, Marshal Degan had warned senior officials in Washington that any attempt to storm Mr. Weaver's cabin and arrest him could be

White House Health Cost Figures Called Low

WASHINGTON - If President Bill Clinton's health plan were fully implemented in 1994, the average total employer-employee premiums for health insurance coverage would be higher than estimated by the White House — in one example by as much as 53 percent - according to a study by Hewitt Associates, a large employee-benefits consulting firm.

The study, outlined at a meeting of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on health this week, was based on 1990 to 1991 claims data for millions of employees working at more than 2.000 primarily large firms advised by Hewitt.

The Clinton administration has estimated that the average plan for a single adult would have a total premium of \$1.932 a year if fully in effect in 1994, but Hewitt calculated that the figure would be

\$2,337, or 21 percent higher.

For an adult couple, the administration estimate is \$3,865 but

Hewitt's figure is \$4.674, or 21 percent higher.

For a single parent with children the Clinton average premium estimate is \$3,893. Hewitt's \$4.434 — 14 percent higher.

And for the average two-parent family with children, the administration estimate is \$4,360 while Hewitt's is \$6.662, 53 percent higher. Although Hewitt officials believe their patient data base to be reasonably typical, Kenneth E. Thorpe, deputy assistant secretary of Health and Human Services, disagreed. He said the Hewitt figures were based on a sample of large companies whose employee costs are often higher than the national average because they are found in locations with higher medical costs and because employee character-

Full Disclosure Sought of Iran-Contra Report

istics are often different from the overall population.

WASHINGTON - Several journalistic and research organizations have asked a special panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here for "full disclosure" of independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh's final report on the Iran-contra scandal.

The report was submitted to the special court under seal on Aug. 5. but those criticized in the three-volume document have been given until Dec. 3 to respond and reportedly seek suppression of at least some portions of it. Some sources have said it contains share criticisms of former presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

The Society of Professional Journalists, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the National Security Archive asked that the report be released in full in an emergency motion filed with

the three-judge panel, which is in charge of independent counsels.

Mr. Walsh is required by law to set forth "fully and completely" an account of his work, including both the disposition of the cases brought and "the reasons for not prosecuting any matter" within his jurisdiction during the 6½-year inquiry.

In voting last week to renew the independent counsel law, the Senate wiped out the provision permitting an explanation of why some cases were not prosecuted. Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the minority leader and an outspoken critic of Mr. Walsh, sponsored the change, saying a special prosecutor should not be "blasting the very people he failed to convict." The House is not scheduled to act on the measure until next year.

Clinton Extends Unemployment Benefits

WASHINGTON -- A million jobless Americans are due to get an extension of their unemployment benefits under legislation President Clinton has signed to provide \$1.1 billion for long-term unemployed workers.

Mr. Clinton said that despite improvement in the nation's economic outlook, the recovery is not solid enough to justify ending the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program for people who exhaust regular unemployment benefits.

"It is therefore appropriate that we extend EUC to provide support to help unemployed workers pay their grocery bills and other living expenses while they seek new employment." he said in a

Chef Who Cooked at Summit Had Hepatitis

SEATTLE - A hotel chef who cooked for President Bill Clinton and foreign dignitaries at the Asia-Pacific economic forum last week found out later that he has a form of hepatitis, health officials said. Seattle-King County Public Health Department officials said the

risk that the illness would spread appeared slight. Dr. Russell Alexander, chief of epidemiology, said the chef worked exclusively with foods cooked at high temperatures and had excellent hygiene, conditions that reduce the risk of transmission.

"If the chef was someone who had his hands in the salad or making sushi, then we would've had a big problem," Dr. Alexander said. "We feel confident that this situation does not pose any risk to the conference participants or anyone else."

Quote/Unquote

President Clinton, on receiving a live 50-pound Thanksgiving turkey from the National Turkey Federation: "Somebody pointed out this morning that this may not be the only turkey I've had in my administration, but this is one I will certainly set free. It is my first presidential pardon."

Brady Welcomes 'His' Gun-Control Bill

WASHINGTON - "How sweet it is," said James S. Brady, learning that the Senate had finally enacted the Brady gun-con-

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The measure for the first time sets a minimum nationwide requirement that prospective gun purchasers wait five business days while authorities run a personal background check on them.

Mr. Brady was White House press secretary when he was wounded in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan in 1981. Because of the crusading by him and his wife, Sarah, the legislation was named for them.

Meeting in the Oval Office with the Bradys after the Senate acted Wednesday, President Bill Clinton said he would sign the bill early next week. The president described the measure as "a beginning in what must be a long and relentless assault on the problems of crime and violence in this country.

The hill passed the House and Senate in different versions. Senate Republicans threatened to block the text that emerged from only dropped their opposition when they were promised the when they were promised the chance to amend the legislation when Congress reconvenes in January. The bill:

 Requires a five-business-day waiting period before an individual can buy a handgun.

· Requires local law enforcement to research state, local and national records to check the eli-



Attorney General Janet Reno, President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore appland James and Sarah Brady at the White House after the passage of a gun control bill the couple crusaded for.

gibility of the would-be buyer. Among those prohibited are convicted felons, funitives, minors, the mentally incompetent, drug and alcohol addicts and illeral immigrants. Records used for checks are destroyed after 20

 Authorizes spending \$200 million a year in grants to help states improve computerization of criminal records for use in a national background check sys-

• Requires the local law enforcement agency to provide within 20 days the reason a handgun purchase was denied — if asked to do so by an unsuccessful

• Requires that state and local

police be notified of multiple handgun sales. Prohibits those who ship (irearms interstate from labeling

packages in a manner that discloses the contents. The purpose is to deter thefts. • Does not override stricter state laws, including California's

15-day waiting period. (WP, LAT, NYT)

Americans Abroad Over Rushdie Visit International Herald Tribune much passion for the case they WASHINGTON - The State have. One of the remarkable things about today's meetings is that they seem to have a genuine passion for

State Dept. Warns

Department has urged U.S. embassies to alert Americans to possible unrest as a result of President Bill Clinton's White House meeting with Salman Rushdie, the British povelist under a death sentence pronounced by Muslim fundamen-

David Johnson, a State Department spokesman, said Thursday that "all diplomatic posts" had been told to alert American citizens to "take precautions as local circumstances require.

Mr. Johnson said he knew of no specific threats against Americans as a result of Mr. Clinton's brief meeting on Wednesday with the author of "Satanic Verses," a novel some Muslims consider blasphe-

A White House official said earlier: "The president and others reaffirmed to Rushdie our support for the principle of freedom of expression and said we stand firmly with him in the face of the forces of intolerance."

Ever since Iran's late leader, the Ayatollah Rubollah Khomeini, sentenced the author to death for blasphemy, Mr. Rushdie has been soliciting support from various

What really struck me was the degree of personal warmth and friendship that came from the presideut," Mr. Rushdie said at a news conference after his meetings with U.S. officials Wednesday. "The thing I've looked for in politicians is not how well they speak, but how

this case. This is a far cry from the view the

revious administration took of Mr. Rushdie and his plight. While George Bush did issue a statement condemning the Iranian fatwa, or death sentence, on Mr. Rushdie, both Mr. Bush and then-Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d expressed little interest in meeting with the author. U.S. embassies reacted in differ-

ent ways to the State Department advisory. In Europe, where the Muslim population is small no warning was broadcast. In areas of the world where Muslims are predominant, alerts were issued. The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad

Pakistan, for example, was calling U.S. residents to warn them of possible "terrorist or mob action," telling them to stay away from known trouble spots, to avoid going out and to try to be as inconspicuous as

They were tole from the weekly Friday bazaar, a favorite shopping spot in Islam-abad, because Friday midday prayers might provide an opportunity for Muslim clerics to give sermons condemning Mr. Rushdie that could be followed by anti-U.S. demonstrations.

Several people were killed when police officers opened fire on an anti-Rushdie demonstration outside the U.S. Information Service

North Korea Hopeful on Nuclear Issue

UNITED NATIONS, New York - North Korea expects a dispute over inspections of its zu-clear facilities to be resolved soon. according to the North Korean am-bassador to the United Nations.

"I am not going into the details, but I am optimistic," said the am-bassador, Pak Gil Yon, after a meeting of North Korean and U.S. officials here. "I think things can be resolved soon.

North Korea's deputy ambassador, Ho Jong, and Tom Hubbard of the State Department's Asia Pa-cific bureau met at the U.S. mission of the United Nations on Wednes-The meeting gave the United

States an opportunity to brief North Korea on its new initiative. reached during a two-day visit to Washington by President Kim Young Sam of South Kenea to discuss North Korea's refusal to allow the International Atomic Evergy Agency to ensure that it is not developing nuclear weapons.

The new U.S. approach is intended to seek a comprehensive so-lution to issues dividing the United States and North Korea, which could mean simultaneous discussion of inspections, resumption of talks between North and South Korea, scaling down or ending joint U.S. South Korean military exercises, economic relations and diplomatic relations.

The U.S. North Korean meeting was part of a stries of new contacts aimed at normalizing relations, ac-cording to the State Department spokesman, Michael McCurry.

Mr. McCurry said he did not expect any immediate reaction from North Korea despite Pres-dent Bill Clinton's evident concern to resolve the matter immediately. In Second, the state-run Korea Broadcasting System radio said that Mr. Kim and Mr. Clinton had made a secret deal over North Ro-

rea during their talks.

Away From Politics

 A woman who said she was sexually abused by a priest settled her lawsuit against the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for \$600,000. Elaine Montoya, 34, said she was abused more than 300 times as a tecnager by the Reverend Arthur Perrault, who fled his Albuquerque parish more than a year ago. His whereabouts are unknown. A grand jury decided not to indict him on criminal charges.

 Dr. Jack Kerorkian received 20 canisters of carbon monoxide gas, receipts seized from an associate indicate. Anthorities made the search as part of an investigation into the last two suicides Dr. Kevorkian has witnessed, the Oakland County prosecutor, Richard Thompson, said in Detroit. The receipts were seized from the home and business of Neal Nicol, the prosecutor said.

 Los Angeles will withdraw its float from the Rose Parade on New Year's Day in 1995 unless the Tournament of Roses Association diversifies its all-white-male executive committee. The city has taken part for almost a century, "We don't stand for all-white-male country clubs," said a Los Angeles councilman, Mark Ridley-Thomas. "We don't wish to support such enterprises."

 Predictions of a major quake in Southern California are too high, according to a scientific panel charged with assessing quake proba-bilities for Southern California. The panel dismissed forecasts of a 60 percent chance that a big carthquake would strike the San Andreas fault in the next 30 years, and said a lower probability would be

U.S. Vows to Enforce Airwave Rules Minor Changes Follow Court Ban on 'Indecency' Code

By Paul Farhi

Washington Pass Service
WASHINGTON — A day after
the government's "indecency" rules were tossed out by a federal appeals court, the chief regulator of the nation's radio and TV airwaves said he still intended to enforce a

ban on raunchy programs.

James H. Quello, interim chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, indicated that the agency would pursue two new indecency complaints against Howard Stern, a radio "shock jock" who has been the object of five previous FCC fines.

Mr. Quello said the FCC would now enforce a ban from 6 A.M. to 8 prohibition was under review.

The action followed a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington that declared unconstitutional the FCC's policy of banning the broadcast of programs with indecent content between 6 A.M. and

18-hour ban was too broad and violated broadcasters' rights under the First Amendment.

It had already been following that schedule while the 18-hour

The FCC defines broadcast indecency as language or material describing "sexual or excretory activities or organs" in terms which are "patently offensive as measured by contemporary community

While the court did not question this definition, it did say that the FCC had failed to properly balance the rights of adults to receive con-

The three-judge panel said the terest in keeping such material away from children.

Opponents of the FCC policy noted that the court also called on the FCC to hold a "full and fair hearing" to lay out the times at which indecent speech may be broadcast, to better define "children" and to supply more specific information on how many children are in the audience for specific pro-

Mr. Quello's stint as head of the agency ends Monday, when Reed Hundt, a Washington lawyer is to be sworn in as chairman.

Mr. Stern, whose freewheeling. nationally syndicated radio program has drawn a total of \$1.2 million in fines since 1988, is the object of two new "actionable" complaints stemming from broadstitutionally protected indecent casts in August and October, Mr.

Democracy Camp in Hong Kong Doubts Britain's Resolve

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's democracy camp, weary and democracy camp, weary and demoralized as China and Britain negotiate the colony's constitutional future over its head, fears public opinion is being softened up for another backing down by London.

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on Saturday, will mark the end of are deeply mistrustful of Britain's seven months of fruitless negotia-tions, and that Governor Chris Patten will push ahead unilaterally with democratic reform, as he has

intentions for the colony, which it is to hand back to China in 1997. up about a third of the council's 60 our timetable." The British track record is no

A British source admitted that members, was "very jumpy."

good, said Christine Loh, an inde-pendent member of the Legislative Council. "It's a very sad indictment line," he said. "This is not true.

At the last session last week, diflerences between Britain and Chi-na had widened and on Tuesday Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd summoned Chinese ambassador Ma Yuzhen to express his concern



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Egypt Prime Minister Escapes Bombing

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

CAIRO - The Muslim militant group Jihad exploded a powerful car bomb in a northern suburb of Cairo on Thursday in an attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Atef Sedki, according to Egyptian officials and a communique issued by the radical group.

The minister was uninjured, but an 11year-old girl was killed in the explosion and about a dozen people were hurt, the police said, including another child who was wounded seriously.

Mr. Sedki said that those who had tried to kill him were "wicked."

"They will not escape from us." he said. speaking of the militants. "They will never escape I am sorry to say this, but we will use all means now to get rid of them."

In a handwritten message faxed to international news agencies, the militant group Jihad Center in New York. said that it carried out the attack, which took place as the prime minister's motorcade was pulling out of his residence.

It said the attack had been carried out "to revenge the blood of the martyrs executed by the military courts." Jihad is one of two main radical Islamic

groups that carry out attacks against the government. It was blamed for the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat. The message also warned U.S. authorities

not to "harm any of our Islamic scholars, such as the holy warnor and scholar Dr. Omar Abdel Rahman." Sheikh Abdel Rahman, a militant Egyp-

tian cleric, is in prison in the United States awaiting trial on charges of involvement in

The campaign by Muslim militants to topple the government has been going on for two years and has taken the lives of more than 210

people and wounded more than 500 others. The government has arrested hundreds of suspected militants in the past few months and dozens more have died in gunbattles with police. A year ago President Hosni Mubarak began transferring the trials of militants to military courts. The special courts have sen-

tenced 38 militants to death.
Police officials said that one of the two cars that was demolished in the attack had been filled with explosives and detonated as the prime minister's motorcade passed. A security officer on the scene said the explosion went off minutes after Mr. Sedki left his home. about 500 meters from the blast site.

Israeli Forces Wound 34 in Gaza Strip Protests

GAZA CITY, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip

— Israeli soldiers shot and wounded at least 34 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip on Thursday in a series of protests provoked by the killing of a Muslim militant commander, hospitals said. They were the most violent demonstrations

since Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed a peace agreement in Septem-Undercover soldiers on Wednesday killed

Imad Agel, military commander of the northem Gaza Strip for the Qassam brigades of the militant Islamic resistance movement Hamas. Hamas, the PLO's main rival and an ardent foe of the peace deal, sent out hundreds of activists to block roads, ordered a three-day mourning strike and vowed to avenge Mr.

In a military communique addressed to the Israeli Army chief, Ehud Barak, the Qassam brigades recalled their kidnapping and killing of three Israeli soldiers after the deaths of two Qassam commanders in the past 18 months. Quoting Mr. Aqel, the communique said:

We will never forget his famous words. Killing Israeli soldiers is a worship by which we get close to God."

Harbor. We are all in the same boat now."

Ori Orr, head of the Israeli parliament's foreign affairs and defense committee, said that sending messages around the world Mr. Agel and his followers were apparently and of his feelings: "No American Mr. Agel and his followers were apparently responsible for killing 30 Israelis and Palestinians, including suspected informers.

CHURCHILL: British Start Issuing Wartime Leader's Secret Archives

Continued from Page 1

conclude that this was withheld greatest joy."

Seen the Americans who were unfrom the Americans, who were unaware that the British could read JN-25, because Churchill believed that a dramatic sneak attack would instantly propel America into the

This hypothesis contradicts Churchill's account of how he ly than that. learned of the Japanese attack. which killed and wounded 4.575 Americans and resulted in the loss of 19 ships and 120 aircraft, badly crippling the U.S. war effort.

in the third volume of his war memoirs, "The Second World War." Churchill notes that he was having dinner on Dec. 7 at his country home in Chequers with John Winani, the American ambas-sador, and Averell Harriman, Roosevelt's special envoy, when they turned on the news and heard "some few sentences ... regarding an attack by the Japanese on American shipping at Hawaii." They sat up surprised and his butler rushed in to confirm that the item had

Churchill went to telephone the president who replied: "It's quite true. They have attacked us at Pearl

been broadcast.

The prime minister writes of will think it wrong of me if I pro-claim that to have the United

States at our side was to me the listed, In one, Auschwitz, the death Josephin von Ribbentrop, Hitler's

School, which was established in 1919, greatly expanded its work in World War II, so that the prime minister received summaries of the German Enigma messages once a day and sometimes more frequent-

In an intercepted German police report dated September 1942 is a terse item headed "reports on deaths in German prison camps during August." Four camps are

figures were 6,829 men and 1,525 foreign minister, in September women." The item goes on to say 1941. In it Ribbentrop tells Japan it that "although typhus is still rife at must "not lose this opportunity of Auschwitz, new arrivals continue achieving the establishment of the to come in."

the phrase is apparently placed in and Germany on the one hand and quotes by the British - among America on the other was fundaconcentration camp prisoners are mentally incompatible." About the to be reported only in writing.

Another intercepted document recounts a meeting between the was no knowing what he would Japanese ambassador in Berlin and do."

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The German told the Japanese envoy that "the existence of Japan possibility of war, he said "that

CANDIDATE: Kohl's Man Quits Presidential Race

Germans with each other. Mr. Heitmann's supporters said that his main offense had been that, as an Eastern German Protestant church lawyer, he did not tailor his views to fit the accepted clichés and hy-pocrisies of decent political discourse in Western Germany, where many Easterners still feel nobody

Mr. Heitmann's attempts to ex-plain his views often made them seem more offensive. He spoke of Germany being "overrun by for-eigners." then apologized when critics pointed out that this was precisely the message of the radical

against foreigner asylum-seekers

and refugees. Discussing his view that Germans should not be singled out for special treatment any longer nearly 50 years after World War II, he told the Munich daily Suddentsche Zei-

tung in September: "I believe that the organized deaths of millions of Jews in gas chambers was indeed unique just as there are many historically

unique events. "The postwar period finally ended with German unification, and the time has come to put this event

rightist thugs who have committed

thousands of acts of violence ed, but the damage was done: for many of his opponents, this sounded too much like neo-Nazi revision-

Israel's Largest Group: Russian Immigrants

The Associated Press JERUSALEM - The number of aigrants from the former Soviet Union more than doubled from 1989 to 1992, to about 664,000, making them the largest group in Israel, the Central Bureau of Statis-

tics said. in perspective."

"To put it in perspective, not for God's sake to put it aside," he add-bureau added.

israel's population grew by 2.7 percent in 1992, to 5.3 million, the bureau added. Israel's population erew by 2.7

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Anthony Burgess, 76, Author Of 'Clockwork Orange,' Dies

English novelist, composer, libret- Thus I am a pessimist but believe tist, essayist, translator and lin- the world has much solace to offer guist, whose nover of a vio-Orange" offered a vision of a violence-ridden future, died of cancer in London on Thursday.

Mr. Burgess wrote more than 50 books and dozens of musical compositions, from operas, choral works and song cycles to symphonies and concertos. He also wrote Mouthful of Air," is about lan-

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gnage.
"I call myself a professional writer in that I must write in order to Stanley Kubrick in 1971, encouneat, and I am not ashamed to be- tered heavy criticism because of its long to the 'Grub Street' corraternity which Dr. Johnson honored," he told the Paris Review in 1973. "But primarily I call myself a serious novelist who is attempting to extend the range of subject matter available to fiction, and a practitio ner who is anxious to exploit words much as a poet does."

Tracing the origins of his work and beliefs, he said: "I was brought up a Catholic, became an agnostic.

Manichee. I believe the wrong God. poet who is regarded by critics as is temporarily ruling the world and his alter ego. that the true God has gone under. ist, whose novel "A Clockwork - love food, music, the immense variety of race and language, litera-ture and the pleasure of artistic

"A Clockwork Orange" (1962) tells the story of a murderous, Beethoven-loving teenage gang leader in a complacent and conformist future. Roving bands of delinquents radio and TV scripts, as well as fight, steal and rape to assert their countless articles. His last book, "A freedom. It is written in a dialect of the author's invention, called nad-

> The movie version, directed by violent scenes. It was eventually shown anywhere in Britain. Mr. Burgess once professed sur-

> orise about his reputation as a com-"One writes in grim earnest," he said, "only to discover that when my work is published that Burgess

> has done it again, another finny farce." Nonetheless, he conceded, "I think that I'm a comic writer."

Among his books are "Honey for the Bears" (1963), "Enderby Outside" (1971), "Moses" (1976), "Earthly Powers" (1980), "The Kingdom of the Wicked" (1985) "Any Old Iron" (1989). He also wrote biographies of Shakespeare, D. H. Lawrence and Hemingway and two autobiographies, "Little Wilson and Big God" (1987) and "You've Had Your Time" (1990):

His television scripts include "Moses the Lawgiver" and "Jesus of Nazareth." For the stage, he did translations of "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Oedipus the King" and

He was born in Manchester, educated at Bishop Bilsborrow School, a Xaverian college, and graduated from Manchester University in 1940. He joined the British Army Education Corps, in which he served as musical director of a unit entertaining troops in Europe. He was stationed for three years in Gibraltar, which became the setting of his first povel. "A Vision of Battlements" (1965). After the war, he taught in an adult education flirted with Islam and now hold a His humorous novels center on program for the armed forces and 71, and at Ci position which may be termed the exploits of F.X. Enderby, a in 1948 he became a lecturer in York, 1972-73.



50 novels and 15 other works.

phonetics at Birmingham Universi-

In 1942, Mr. Burgess married Llewela Isherwood Jones, a distant relative of Christopher Isherwood. The brutality depicted in "A Clockwork Orange" stemmed in part, he said, from an assault on her during World War II in London that resulted in the loss of their expected child. She died in 1948. That year, he married Liliana Macellari, 15 years his junior, who was teaching linguistics at Cambridge.

He worked in the Ministry of Education, 1948-50, and as an education officer in Malaya and Brunei 1954-59 also found time to teach in the United States as a visiting fellow at Princeton, 1970-71, and at City College of New

BOOKS

The Unmaking of IBM By Paul Carroll. 375 pages. \$24. Crown,

Reviewed by Stephen Manes

THE "computer-on-a-chip" mi-I croprocessor and the small. cheap machines it made possible by the mid-1970s struck not only at the big-computer beart of IBM but also at lucrative appendages typewriters, word processors, computer terminals. In the overblown rhetoric typical of "Big Blues," Paul Carroll calls the company's almost inevitable decline "a sort of Greek tragedy."
Tragedy? Only if you consider the

stuffed shirts of American business the spiritual beirs of ancient kings. prefer plodding near-monopoly to last-moving choice, or hold IBM equity or employment. A more relevant literary analogy is Ring Lard-ner's "In Conference": Sequestered in their sixth meeting of a 12-conference day, the officers of an "efficiency" firm endlessly dither over accepting a letter with two cents' postage due — and miss out on the news that one of their wives is about to run off with another man.

Faced with a world of change, IBM's stodgy, insular executives (not unlike those at General Motors) fretted, fiddled, minded their perks and watched market share and profits disappear - or so "Big Blues" purports to tell us. Unfortunately, Carroll's hindsightful insistence on portraying every IBM set-back as a foredoomed disaster. every IBM success as a fortuitous exception and every IBM competitor and ex-employee as a business or technical genius tends to distort

So does his focus on personal

WHAT THEY'RE READING • Peter Schneider, the German

writer, is reading "The Magic Mountain" by Thomas Mann. This book is full of imagination and ideas. I hope to find some inspiration for my next novel in it." (Heike Ludwig, IHT)



computers, IBM's traditional profit through that made Windows 3.0 centers have been its big main- soar makes an amusing fable. In frames and minicomputers, but truth the physicist Murray Sargent Big Blues" pays them scant atten- is also a world-class programmer tion. It's like covering the Coca- and worked closely with Micro-Cola Company and discussing soft's brilliant David Weise.

mostly Sprite. Worse, Carroll retails dubious, ecutives were often uninterested in irrelevant and downright bogus computers; apparently he shares the yarns, particularly from Microsoft trait. Of the machines competitive — whose long, intimate relation-ship with IBM has hit the skids and that they "generally used tapes for whose top PR image-polisher is data storage" when in fact they genamong the few people cited in the erally used disks, and that they book's acknowledgments. Carroll resurrects such phony Bill Gates images" when in fact the Apple II lore as a 99th-place finish in a na- made its early reputation as a graphtional collegiate math test (ignoring did not finish in the honored top 100), quotes a legendarily snippy IBM "Dear Vendor" letter without realizing that it is pure Gatesian hyperbole and, among many other errors of chronology, extends Gates's "visionary" powers by moving the beginnings of the development of Microsoft's Windows After relating that Mitch Kapor, software back a year.

Scholars will need overtime pay to correct the record presented here. That a "physicist, not a programmer" single-handedly discovered the crucial technical break- conclusion: "If IBM had gone for

Carroll reports that top IBM ex-"could produce only characters, no ics-based game machine. His gaffes extend to operating systems, modems and machines such as the EO, which he deems "tiny"; in an age of shirt-pocket computers, the smallest EO model takes up more desk space than his hardcover book.

Carroll's opinions, crafted to paint IBM in as bad a light as possible, are as suspect as his facts. ment, practically begged IBM to take exclusive marketing rights to his Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet," he leaps to a stunning

that, it would have collected billions of dollars of revenue over the years. . . . IBM would have had the whole PC industry under its thumb." The far more likely sce nario (as hinted in "Big Blues" by a Lotus insider) is that IBM would have botched 1-2-3 as horribly as its many other software efforts.

In emphasizing IBM's many truly boneheaded decisions. Carroll fails to account for the fact that the company nonetheless stood alone among the big and midsize computer manufacturers in becoming a major player in small computers. Wang, for example, went bankrupt; IBM, though currently hemorrh ing money, still does more than \$60 billion worth of business each year and sells more personal computers than any other firm. Given that IBM, unlike Apple or Microsoft or Compaq, had to deal with the wrenching problem of cheap little impinging on an existing computers high-profit big-computer business, the wonder may be not that IBM has fared so poorly of late, but that t did so well for so long.

Stephen Manes, co-author of Gates: How Microsoft's Mogul Reinvented an Industry — and Made Himself the Richest Man in Ameriwrote this for The Washington

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READERS

A.D. Langmuir, Public Health Pioneer

Alexander D. Langmuir, 83, a leader in public health who is credited with saving hundreds of thou-sands of lives through his mnovanons in controlling epidemics, died of kidney cancer Monday in Balti-

In 1949, Dr. Langmuir created a corps of epidemiologists at what is now the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The corps was ready to fly anywhere immediately to investigate reports of an epidemic or an unusual cluster of cases. Known as the Epidemic Intelligence Service, the program played a crucial role in turning what was then a small operation into a large federal agency.
From 1949 to 1970, Dr. Lang-

muir was the disease centers' chief epidemiologist. When he retired, he taught at Harvard Medical School depressed for a long time. until 1977. In 1988 he returned to teach at Johns Hopkins, where he had carned a degree in public As the government's chief dis-

ease detective, he created the concept of surveillance for infectious diseases. The agency uses it to track ases and to analyze patterns to take steps to prevent clusters and outbreaks from behealth departments.

that scientists at the disease centers discovered the bacterium that causes Legionnaire's disease, iden-tified toxic shock syndrome, and last week reported isolating and growing the strain of Hantavirus that causes a fatal illness first reported among Navajo Indians in New Mexico this year.

William Clark Brinkley, 76, Wrote of Navy and Sea Life New York Times Service

William Clark Brinkley, 76, a novelist known for his books about the U.S. Navy and the sea, died Monday in McAllen, Texas, near the Gulf of Mexico. He had taken an overdose of barbiturates. A friend said he had been clinically

His best-known work is "Don't Go Near the Water," a 1956 bestseller that satirizes pavy public relations in a Pacific backwater late in the war. The 1957 movie version starred Glenn Ford. James Stern, 88, Author

Of Stories and Translator New York Times Service James Stern, 88, an British-Irish

responds to requests from state that traced his wanderings through health departments.

It is through such investigations and America, died Monday in Tisbury. England. He was in frail health after he broke a hip several months ago, a friend said.

He was the author of more than 50 short stories, a translator of many German writers and the writer of a widely read study of Europe fter World War II. Mr. Stern lived in New York for two decades, start-

Tatiana Nikolayeva, Pianist Who Played Bach, Dies at 69

New York Times Service Tatiana Nikolayeva, 69, a Russian pianist respected for her interpretations of the music of Bach and Shostakovich, died of a cerebral aneurism Monday in San Francisco. She lived in Moscow.

Jacques Leiser, her American manager, said she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage during a recital Nov. 13 at the San Francisco Music Center. She was being treated at a hospital when she died.

Albert Collins, 61, a blues guitarist who was a popular recording artist for three decades, died of lung cancer Wednesday in Las Vecoming epidemics. The agency also critic and writer of short stories gas. Nominated five times for Film Festival.

1986 for his collaboration with Robert Cray and Johnny Copeland on "Showdown."

Walter Northway, 117, a tribal chief in the eastern part of Alaska's interior, died Sunday in the village near the Canadian border that bears his name. The Athabascan Indian leader was the oldest known Alaskan.

Bruno Rossi, 88, an authority on cosmic rays and a retired professor of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died of car-diac arrest Sunday in Cambridge,

Brace Johnson, 48, one of dogsled racing's best-known mushers, died after his sled fell through a frozen lake while he was training, the police said Tuesday in Whitehorse, Yukon. In 1986 he became the only Canadian to win the 1,000mile (1,600-kilometer) Yukon race between Whitehorse Quest and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Hervé Bromberger, 75, a moviemaker hailed as a precursor to the New Wave of French cinema in the 1960s, died of cancer Tuesday in Paris. He was best-known for "Les Fruits Sauvages." (Wild Fruit), which earned a prize at the Berlin

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

F both partnerships have close to 20 high-card points and there is no fit to be found, one can expect a small part-score contract producing a small score. But occasionally there is an aberration, as in the diagramed deal played late in February at the Long Island Regional Swiss Team Championship in Smithtown, Long Island.

with the king and finessed the dia-At one table West opened the mond queen. If this had won he +98 bidding with one diamond and his could have emerged with five partner eventually struggled in two no-tromp, failing by a trick. In the replay, as shown. West chose to open one spade, for lead-directing reasons, and North made a normal but disastrous, take-out double. gave up a heart.

East redoubled, and there was no easy escape for North-South. If the ace, and South should now have they had been inspired to defend cashed his diamond ace. Instead, in one spade redoubled they would desperation, he led a low diamond

have ended up minus 520. South to the ten. When West won with the not unnaturally tried two clubs, jack and led his remaining heart East claimed the last four tricks.

and East was happy to double.

West led the spade king and shifted to the club nine. With the actual lie South should have played the queen, cutting the defender's communications, but he played low from dummy, fearing a five-card club holding on his right.

East played low and South won

tricks, but East produced the king and led his remaining spade. West took his ace and played his last trump, allowing East to pull all the trumps. On the last round dummy A heart was led to the king and

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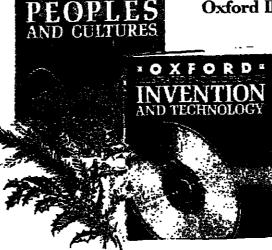
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History Is a Building Site

The University of Virginia archaeologist Patricia Wattenmaker found a buried city recently in southern Turkey, a 4,500-or-soyear-old site that appears to have extended over 100 hectares - "a huge place" for its era. as one of Ms. Wattenmaker's colleagues told The New York Times. The discovery was said by other archaeologists to mean likely changes in the way people view the spread of literacy and the written word. Till now the Sumerians, masters of that period and of the earliest known attempts at written language, were thought to have built cities much farther south in present-day lraq. Time for another round of t rewrites as happy archaeologists look forward

to maybe unearthing — who knows? — another library of tablets as important as the ones found a couple of decades ago at Ebla in Syria. A very different reminder that previously unknown chunks of the past may suddenly surface, yielding serious changes in the accepted historical view, was to be seen at a ceremony at Howard University. There, faculty and guests attended a sober ritual in honor of the arrival at the university, for research purposes, of remains and artifacts from an 18th century black graveyard that was unearthed by accident in downtown New York. With a procession and a combination of Afri-

can religious rituals and contemporary trib-

memory of a group of people thought to have left no record. These were the remains of freed slaves in the early years of the American colonies, buried in what seem to have been African rituals and conveying, from a scientific viewpoint, a treasure trove of information

about their health and practices. The discovery of the buried city, which holds out the hope of extensive information still to be unearthed, began with the chance appearance of one such 4,500-year-old tablet on the surface. How did an apparently authentic object of such age get to the surface? Maybe from nearby excavations for a massive irrigation project. As for the burial ground, it was stum-bled on in classic city-archaeology fashion when contractors broke ground — or, rather, cement — for a government building. It was known that the spot had been used for graves. but not for so many, nor that they had some-

how been undisturbed all the years since then. But then, how would one have known? You don't have to sign on to any of the various ideologically convenient rewrites of world history - the extreme Afro-centric model, the primeval matriarchal paradise and so on - to appreciate that our understanding of world history is still a work in progress.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Wanted, a Philosophy of Free Community

PARIS — Electorates everywhere are dis-P enchanted, no longer convinced that the people in charge know how to make things work decently. After generations of passive compliance, voters in Italy and Japan have stirred themselves to throw the rascals out.

In the United States, the long, slow degrada-tion of the city climate has at last struck people as a crisis beyond toleration, more urgent than troubles in distant lands. The rates of casual murder, of children born to single, often juvenile mothers, of third and fourth generations subsisting on welfare and crime, have fractured traditional self-satisfaction and confidence.

The phenomenon of a large, residual underclass can no longer be denied. They are not just people waiting their turn to be lifted on a tide of growth. They have been left behind by a society unable to absorb or lure them to accept its assumptions. They form gangs as the antidote to the loneliness of modern city life.

the West's sense of assurance that it is going the right way and can deal with the perceived, mounting challenges. A spectacularly successful capitalist like Sir James Goldsmith warns about the trap" of failing to maintain the equilibrium and harmony with nature that he discerns in the perpetual rhythms of traditional societies. The Western malaise, the signs of decadence.

Concern is spreading at the loss of cohesion, of

the fear that things are racing out of control give apparent substance to the arguments of those in power in developing countries that the West should keep its vaunted values to itself.

There are many in the world prepared to echo Chinese President Jiang Zemin's lecture to

By Flora Lewis

President Bill Clinton in Seattle that the claim to universal human rights is a form of unacceptable interference in their affairs and that the West should stick to what it does best, just

Samuel Huntington predicts that the next global conflict will be a "clash of civilizatious." and he provokes tremors. As there is for horror movies, there is always a market for predictions of a new cataciysm, identification of a new enemy. And yet the tide of Western self-doubt is

matched by a tide of demand in the poor countries for a new way of life, for relief from the unending cycles of silent suffering. It isn't only for material welfare. The great appeal of fundamentalism is its promise of dignity, of self-respect, of a morally clean environment in an allbracing community. Intellectuals from traditional societies, more

and more of them comfortably conversant with both worlds, are arguing instead that it is democracy and human rights, evolved over centuries, which made possible the West's emergence from the ancient quagmires, and that they are indeed universals available to all who have the courage to insist upon them.

That is the theme of a two-part film made for French television's Antenne 2 from the book "The South Slope of Liberty," by Mahmoud Hussein, pseudonym for two Egyptians who work at Unesco. They identify concern for the individual, respect for each person in his or her own right, as the essential foundation of freedom,

of the hopes for a truly flourishing community. And they recognize the terrible strain, the pain of transformation from the comforting and yet stilling cocoon of tradition to personal responsibility, personal initiative, self-reliance. But that is what makes change possible and brings the ca-

pacity to adapt to change. It seems to me that there is not a clash but a convergence of awareness working here. There is no either/or resolution of the question of individual versus community. Man is a social animal and needs support from his kind, but innovation, creativity, dynamism come with op-portunity for individual effort.

There is something to take from other cultures, older ways of facing the travail of life and the indifference of nature. But not at the expense of giving up the hard-won understanding of liberty, the noble burden of personal respon-sibility. It is the meaning of modernity, although it still needs community.

Accommodating both is necessarily the com-mon goal, and that should be recognized. The philosophy of the required synthesis has not been adequately developed. There is some of it in the environmentalist movement, with its reminder that we are obliged to live within limits and dare not exclude all concerns but self. But the ultimate goal in protecting nature is to nurture its capacity to support us as conscious, self-aware humans.

After the "me" generation and the old, resigned and hierarchical "they" generations, the pressures are to produce an "us" generation, each of us, endowed with human rights by the fact of vulnerability to suffering and the ability to think.

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A Step Against Handguns

Congress has finally stood up to the in-timidating lobby of weapons peddlers and passed the simple, fair Brady handgun control bill. Public pleas to tone down society's violence, and the moral claim for slowing down the domestic small arms race, have overwhelmed a potent gun lobby that in the end went down with a whimper.

The National Rifle Association fully understood the consequences of this humiliating loss, its first congressional defeat in a generation. That defeat means more than the Brady bill itself, which after all provides only a modest five-day waiting period so that authorities can check for criminal records. The NRA must now face the prospect of more comprehensive gun controls.

For example, Attorney General Janet Reno has the temerity to suggest that gun buyers demonstrate that they know how to use their weapons, so that buying a pistol would no longer be easier than getting a driver's license. Now other measures to control the spread of guns may be safely discussed and even safe to enact. Police chiefs, who beseeched Congress

for the Brady bill, may again be heard with other reasonable disarmament proposals.
It is even possible that the Republican Party will free itself from the clutches of the NRA

and stop supporting it with Senate filibusters and killing amendments. Senate Republicans can start by taking a hard look at the bill the minority leader, Bob Dole, will offer in an attempt to water down the Brady law next year. That bill will contain some of the gun lobby's obstructionist proposed amendments that Mr. Dole failed to ram through this time.

The measure is a tribute both to James Brady, the press secretary who barely survived in 1981 when a would-be assassin fired at him and President Ronald Reagan, and to his eloquent wife, Sarah. Mr. Brady spoke with power and wit, through his paralysis and rage,

of the need for this civilizing legislation.

For a welcome change the White House is no obstacle. Unlike George Bush, President Bill Clinton is eager to sign this bill. More crime challenges lie ahead, but this is a moment to savor.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Clinton and the Airlines

The families who eathered around a dining room table eating turkey this Thanksgiving, instead of rushing through airports desperately seeking a flight, owed thanks to Bill Clinton for artfully ending the strike against American Airlines by its flight attendants. But for all its popularity, President Clinton's can-do involvement barely masks the wrenching problem faced by the airline industry. Fullservice carriers like American are hemorrhaging. If they are to survive they must cut costs drastically. Labor is not the only target, but neither will it be spared.

In the past three years American has lost more than \$1 billion; the industry has lost about \$10 billion, which exceeds the sum of all its profits in this century. Some of these losses Jucted, Duning the 1980s Amencan expanded operations, creating hugely expensive hub-and-spoke operations at airports throughout the United States. But competition drove prices down to ruinously low levels. Upstart carriers, like Southwest and Reno, cut costs by hiring low-paid labor, providing little customer service and flying short routes, thereby avoiding the hub-and-spoke system.

Flight attendants are not American's primary problem. They typically earn about \$20,000 a year - a fifth of what pilots make. And they bitterly resist American's plan to hire fewer and impose less convenient schednles. Yet the attendants are an inevitable target for savings for an airline that must grah. every penny. American's contract requires it to use more attendants than the government requires and its competitors use. So American is fighting to reduce staffing and save money by, for example, requiring attendants to pick up more of their health care bills.

As the carriers prune operations, labor

disputes are inevitable. Indeed, as American's flight attendants were returning to work, employees at United began a work slowdown to protest management's decision to sell off parts of the company. Mr. Clinton faces the prospect of many strikes, all of

which would create turmoil. In the past, presidents have intervened when strikes threatened entire important industries like steel, railroads and airlines. But this time only one carrier was struck. There was no national crisis, yet the White House decided to intervene -- raising the question of how often it will do so in the future. The danger is that a president who intervenes too often will dull the incentive of labor and management to settle disputes on their own.

The White House says it did not act in a heavy-handed fashion - only "facilitated" binding arbitration. Yet it put itself in the middle of a fight that both parties can't win. In this case, arbitration is likely to help labor. The flight attendants would probably have lost the strike, once management made it past the 10-day period it needed to hire replacements. For them, arbitration can only pro-

duce a better contract. But this type of federal intervention could just as easily play into management's hands. American, for example, could not win a pilots' strike because operations must cease and pilots cannot be easily replaced. In that case, it would be management's turn to benefit if the White House stepped in.

Mr. Clinton intervened to spare vacationers, and succeeded. But once the giddy victory is behind him, he will have to figure out where to draw the line on federal intervention in situations that cannot leave both parties happy. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

A Snapshot of Change

If there is one snapshot dramatizing the historic passing of the torch from Europe to Asia in world affairs, it is not the portrait of Asian leaders gathered with President Bill Clinton in Seattle. It was, rather, the attempted blockade of Paris by French farmers in September. Although the French prime minister. Edouard Balladur, came to office saving he would not let the farmers undermine a GATT agreement, this special interest today holds

world trade hostage.

Other nations have agricultural lobbies bent on keeping out the rest of the world. But the farmers' action in France is symbolic of a larger European loss of confidence in their own ability to compete in world markets. The question is where America fits in. The

collapse of the Soviet Union has elevated the

U.S.-Japan alliance to the most important relationship in the world, U.S. immigration is now more Asian than European. There are some who believe that America itself is slipping into the European disease: high taxes, steep regulation and a withering of private institutions. Judging by NAFTA's passage, however, the United States has not

vet swallowed a fatal dose. - Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong).



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Asians Are Arming: A Prospect of Trouble Ahead

By Paul Dibb 🥆 ANBERRA --- Asia has impor-

The most important relationship in the region is the U.S.-Japanese alli-

ance. Both nations will continue to

Nonetheless, it may be affected by the end of the Cold War.

HINA is an ambitious power,

and its strategic influence will grow in the next 20 years along with

its economic strength. China will

contend with Japan and India, as well

as the United States, as it seeks to

establish a sphere of influence, par-ticularly in Southeast Asia. China is

the one power with the potential to

contend with the United States for

In the short term, security issues in China's own neighborhood will be its

main preoccupation. In this decade,

it will not be able to project decisive

military force far from its own terri-

tory against major military powers.

But it has signaled its intention to

China already has the capability to

project military forces superior to

those that Southeast Asian nations

could deploy to the South China Sea.

In the past, Beijing has displayed an

old-fashioned attitude toward the use

of force. The continuing improvement of its nuclear arsenal, its clear

interest in power-projection forces and its repeated claims of sovereignty

over the Spratly Islands in the South

China Sea and other disputed mari-

time areas are causing uneasiness in the region about its ambitions.

China has too much to lose by using

military force because of its growing

dependence on the world trade sys-

tem for economic modernization.

There is some truth in this. The com-

pendencies that prompt tensions also

prompt growth, thereby creating a mutual interest in ensuring that teu-sions are contained. The integration

of China's growth into the regional economy, if successful, will provide a

However, technology now makes it

possible to modernize very fast - in

30 or 40 years, compared with the 100

years it took for a country starting to

The Fast Lane Runs Westward Again

key support to regional security.

Economic rationalists arene that

develop such a capability.

leadership in the 21st century.

for China and Japan.

tant strengths, including the world's most dynamic economic growth. Many of its governments are stable and effective. But in the short term, a period of change and disorder is likely as constraints imposed by the Cold War are released and new tensions emerge.

Collective security arrangements are in flux. There is a buildup of power, and alliances are becomi ss predictable. The strategic roles of the United States, China, Japan and India will evolve, foreshadowing the potential for a long-term transforma-tion in the regional balance of power. In much of Asia, the earlier emphasis on ground forces oriented to internal security and border protection has been replaced by a focus on modem naval and air forces to support new economic and security interests, and project national influence.

As a result of Asia's widespread economic prosperity, real growth in military spending will continue. The glut of arms on the world market will facilitate introduction of more hightechnology weapons and equipment.

Asia is the fastest growing arms market in the world. By the year 2000 it will be larger than the entire European arms market and half as large again as the Middle East. Measured in constant prices and exchange rates. Asia's real defense spending has increased by 20 percent since 1985. Significant increases have occurred in every country in the region except Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and Vietnam.

The United States will remain the predominant global power into the next century. But it will have difficulty coping with the multiple strategic challenges of the post-Cold War era while attending to its own serious economic and social problems. These difficulties will affect its contribution to regional security. It is far from certain that the American alliance system will decay over the next cou-ple of decades, but it will change from one of dependency by U.S. al-lies to one of greater burden sharing Although the United States will

continue to have important strategic interests in Asia, they will be concentrated in North Asia Uncertainty remains about the strength of American commitment over the longer term, and about the problems and

By George F. Will

SEATTLE — In October 1900, when Seattle was a raw town of 80,000, across the continent in Massachusetts a Harvard philosopher, George Santayana, addressed a campus literary club, delivering a pointed poem, "Young Sam's First Wild Oats." It began:

Mid Uncle Sam's expanded acres There's an old, secluded glade Where gray Puritans and Quakers

Still grow fervid in the shade;

And the same great elms and beeches That once graced the ancestral farm,

Bending to the old men's speeches, Lend their words an echo's charm.

Laurel, clematis and vine

Weave green trellises about,

And three maples and a pine Shut the mucker-village out.

Yet the smake of trade and battle

Cannot quite be banished hence, And the air-line to Seattle

Whizzes just behind the fence.

Back then, before the birth of Seattle's Boeing Cor-

poration, an "air-line" was a fast train. In the Santaya-na poem, such a train symbolized the mingling of booming commerce and imperial politics which much

of Harvard's faculty considered unaesthetic ("mucker-

President William McKinley's re-election campaign

and the angry debate about the Philippines - Ameri-

and the angly acoust aroun the ramppines — America's acquisition of Pacific empire — were boiling along. George Santayana was indicting people whose politics amounted, he believed, to a feckless wish that the

Today protectionism is a popular form of wishful

thinking - more popular and durable than many

complacent people think now that NAFTA has been

approved. But protectionism cannot deflect the forces that have turned America's attention to the ocean on

When Secretary of State Warren Christopher says that "Eurocentric" policies are anachronistic because

"Western Europe is no longer the dominant area of the

world." his words express what the president's behav-

for expresses. Mr. Clinton has not been to Paris,

London or Bonn but he has been to Tokyo and Seoul.

a result of Europe's decadence. Just two years ago there was much dreamy rhetoric about "Euro 1992"

ushering in a new age. But 1992 came and went and in

The Asian orientation of American policy is partly

village") and immoral.

world would spin another way.

the left side of the continent.

modernize early last century. As The Economist noted recently, ambitious opportunities that this could provide growing states can expand either by trading with other nations, as in the case of Japan, or by grabbing territorecognize that their strategic interests are served by sustaining the alliance.

ry, people and resources. China does not appear to have ambitions for territorial expansion. However, it will undergo a major political transition in the near future that could produce instability at home and more aggressive policies abroad. This could have serious security implications for the region.

The other regional great powers, Japan and India, are not the same cause for concern. They will likely remain essentially regional powers in military terms, although both will expand their military capabilities.

Japan's security preoccupations will be focused on its own region: in the short term, on North Korea's nuclear weapons program; over the medium term, on monitoring any surge in Russian military power, and in the longer term, on the growth of China's military power.

The Japan-China relationship is

one of the key strategic uncertainties over the coming decade. The competition for influence between them could lead to rivalry in Southeast Asia, with uncertain results.

E CONOMIC growth in Asia will lead to basic shifts in political power. At a global level, Asia is becoming more important than Europe. It now accounts for 25 percent of world GNP and will generate half of the growth in world trade between now and the year 2000, according to the World Bank. Such rapid economic expansion may well lead, as it has already in South Korea and Taiwan, to greater political stability and democracy. But it will make the buildup of substantial military capabilities much more affordable.

Moreover, the values of governments and individuals in Asia are not as resistant to the idea of war and conflict, or to the primacy of the state, as in the democracies of the West. Nationalism persists. Rivalry and the desire for advantage over others will continue to be high on the Asian security agenda.

Of course, sustained economic growth may herald a shift in Asia

1993 old Europe is paralyzed about "ethnic cleansing" and mean-spirited toward emerging democracies

and market economies to the east. It stagnates be-neath bloated welfare states. And American exports

to Asia exceed those to Europe.

Twenty percent of all jobs in Seattle, which is a

sailing day closer to Japan than Los Angeles is, are involved in trade. Last year the state of Washington exported \$33.5 billion worth of its products, from

Boeing's exports to Asia last year earned \$5 billion. By 2010 China, which last year bought one of every six aircraft Boeing made, will need \$40 billion worth of aircraft — 800 in 17 years. Seattle's Microsoft says revenues from the Asian nations represented at the recent APEC conference are entered by 60 pages at the

recent APEC conference are growing by 60 percent a year, twice as fast as revenues from Europe or America.

Today, 209 years after the first American ship — the Empress of China — sailed from New York to Asia, patterns of trade are infuriatingly perplexing to people eager to understand the world in terms of a tidy us-

versus-them dichotomy. For example, Taiwan's largest exporter of electronic equipment is AT&T. The absence of clarity encourages a politics of anxiety and a

continuing quest for protection.

Sixty percent of House Democrats opposed NAFTA, which would not have passed if a Republican were president. Lane Kirkland, head of the AFL-CIO.

has a better head on his shoulders than sits on 99 percent of Washington shoulders, and he has a canni-

ness that deserves a better cause. He has demonstrated

that a buge, diverse constituency, animated by both

But, you say, does not the NAFTA vote reflect the

strength of free trade principles? Hardly. The truth is in

this vignette: As the vote drew near, a pro-NAFTA Republican approached a fence-sitting Florida Republi-

can and said, hopefully: "We seem to have solved your problem about sugar and citrus." The fence-sitter replied with one word: "Tomatoes." Principled believers in free

So, as the argument about protectionism continues,

proponents of free trade would do well to stress a

certain kinship between America and its trading part-ners along the Pacific Rim. In their overflowing energy

and their often raw practices, including their protec-

tionism that they must outgrow, the Asian nations resemble America in the post-Civil War "gilded age," when roaring steel mills made the rails over which

Washington Post Writers Group.

trade were a minority in the pro-NAFTA majority.

economic interests and cultural concerns, can be mobi-

lized against free trade.

whizzed the air-line to Seattle.

apples and timber to aircraft and software.

toward a more democratic form of nolities and cooperative attitudes in interstate relations. It may, however, merely mark a softening of Asia's authoritarian pluralism, which focuses on the requirement for a strong state structure with powerful military forces.

pean nations that grew to greatness during the remarkable period of economic growth in the 19th century. and benefited most from it, effectively put an end to their preemi-nence with two world wars. There is a danger that the Pacific age could also end in major Asian wars two or three decades hence.

This specter is particularly real because of the means of modern warfare that many Asian countries are acquiring. The spread of weapons of mass destruction — nuclear, chemical and biological - is a major concern. China has a growing nuclear force, while India and Pakistan either have nuclear weapons or could produce them in a short time. North Korea has been trying to develop nuclear weapons and could be as littie as a year away from doing so.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies in London recently reviewed its annual listing of Chinese nuclear delivery vehicles, increasing the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles and intermediate range missiles to more than 104, from 68. China is developing a ballistic massile capable of targeting the United States, and it has an active chemical and

biological weapons program.

India and Pakistan are likely to expand and refine their missile and nuclear capabilities over the next decade. North Korea has tested a missile which, at its full range, would be able to reach much of Japan. This has accelerated Japanese interest in de-veloping a ballistic missile defense system against limited nuclear strikes. Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program has aroused some fears in the region that Japan might be tempted to build nuclear weapons.

A significant number of countries in Asia have chemical warfare programs and over the next decade are likely to develop biological warfare capacities. The increasing sophistica-tion of the region's industrial base will support these developments.

The proliferation of advanced conventional weapons in Asia is a further challenge to regional stabil-ity. Wealthy nations like Taiwan and South Korea will be able to afford large numbers of such weapons. Even smaller countries in the region can now afford to buy modern combat aircraft with beyond-visual-range missiles, surface naval ships that car-ry helicopters and missiles such as Harpoon and Exocet, modern diesel electric submarines and advanced

electronic warfare equipment.
This trend will accelerate as the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Italy compete with one another, and with Russia and China, for a share of the lucrative Asian arms market.

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talked of Japan's invasion of Hollywood. Yet less than two years passed before it became clear that the scares and hyperbole had got it wrong. Far from taking over in Hollywood, the It is worth recalling that the Euro-

Japanese were mugged.

Both firms paid sums that were almost universally considered extravagant. To head its new business, Sony hired two film producers, Peter Guber and Jon Peters, who had plenty of moviemsking experience but none in running a big company. To get them, Sony had to buy their production firm for \$200 million and it had to buy out a contract they had with Watner Brothers for an undisclosed sum reputed to be \$500 million.

Japanese

Abroad for

A Mugging

By Bill Emmott

TONDON — Amid the hoopla

Atlantic's plan to merge with Tele-

Communications Inc. and about the

OVC-Viacom bidding battle for the

Paramount movies-to-books con-

glomerate, an important lesson is be-

ng missed. Like most management

lessons these days, it comes from Ja-

pan. But this is different from all

other Japanese management lessons.

That the lesson was painfully

learned in Japan is shown by a simple

fact: among all the firms battling for

was Japan. After all, in 1989 Sony paid \$3.4 billion for Columbia Pic-

tures, owner of the Columbia and

Tri-Star studios, and in 1990 Matsu-shita paid \$6.1 billion for MCA, own-

electronics companies were rolling in money. They were full of ambition

spurred by arrogance - ambition to

get hold of the movies and music that might drive the sales of their electronic hardware, arrogance that their success

in dominating the world's consumer electronic business meant they could

win any battle. Cash, ambition, arro-

gance - with clues like that, Holly-

wood can spot a fool and his money

hefore he has ridden over the horizon

When Sony bought Columbia, the media went crazy. Newsweek's cover

These and other Japanese consumer

er of Universal Studios.

Paramount, not one is Japanese. Three years ago, the only place any sensibly greedy Hollywood studio would look for a buyer or for backing

This one is about how not to do it.

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about "multimedia," about Bell

Sony gave Mr. Guber and Mr. Peters a deal that was lavish even by Hollywood standards: annual salaries of \$2.75 million and a bonus pool for them and five underlings worth \$50 million, plus 8 percent of any rise in Columbia's notional value over five years. On Nov. 18, Mr. Guber's contract was renewed for three years (Mr. Peters left in May 1991), quelling rumors of a shake-up at what is now a

deeply troubled company.

In all, Sony shelled out at least \$5 billion for Columbia from 1989 to 1991. That was in addition to the \$2 billion it had already paid in 1988 for CBS Records.

At MCA, the story was less glamorous, Lew Wasserman's firm had always been more secretive and discreet than is typical in Tinseltown. But the outcome has been the same: Matsushita paid way over the odds and is

Struggling to get its money bear.
Neither Sony nor Matsushita is likely to get a decent return on its investment in Hollywood in this century, if ever. Not that their purchases are losing money: Columbia (re-named Sony Pictures) and MCA are doing moderately well. This year, Sony Pictures and Sony Music com-bined may contribute operating profits of up to \$800 million. Yet the interest and debt servicing on the \$7 billion-plus that Sony spent on the two firms wipes those profits out.

The lesson? First, padlock your pocketbook when getting off the plane at Los Angeles. Second, the only win-ners in the Paramount deal will be Paramount's shareholders and any managers who are bought out (or bought in). Third, the Japanese "inva-sion" of U.S. business has been no such thing. Even the best Japanese firms have made spectacular and cost-ly mistakes and have not taken control even of the firms they purchased, let alone of culture or technology.

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Matsushina has delegated control over 7 percent of its sales to Americans at MCA. Sony more than 20 percent of its sales to Americans in New York (music) and Los Angeles (movies). Sony is in court battling the singer George Michael and has the headache of sexual-abuse accusations surrounding Michael Jackson, with whom it has a \$50 million contract. Wouldn't it have been easier to stick

The writer is editor of The Economist and author of "Japanophobia: The Myth of the Invincible Japanese." He contributed this comment to The

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: No Men Wanted BRUSSELS - The Belgian "Ligne

du Droit des Femmes," founded two years ago by several notorious men and women, among whom were Bar-rister Louis Frank and Lady Barrister Popelin, will hold their second annual meeting to-morrow [Nov. 26], when it is stated that a proposal will be made by the women to expel the men from the league and carry on their struggle single-handed. The men and the women have been fighting each other ever since the league started, instead of attacking the common enemy. A riotous debate is expected.

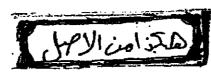
1918: Surrender on Film

LONDON - The surrender of the German High Seas Fleet will be seen this week on the "movies." The film is 2,400 feet long [725 meters] and was taken from the deck of the destroyer her screams, went to belp with a rifle, Seymour, which, loaded with photog-

formally taken over by the British Fleet. "We were so near the ships that the German sailors could see us plainly," said a camera man who was on board. "They were greatly tickled. We fussed round that German Fleet for an hour or more, having a topping time,"

1943: Italians Massacred ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, AL-

GIERS - From our New York edition: Because a villager, in saving his niece from abduction, killed a German soldier and wounded another, fifty-four Italian men and boys of Bellona, near Naples, were massacred by the Germans Oct. 7, according to a British observer-officer's account made public today [Nov. 25] by Allied headquarters. The girl was seized by three German soldiers who climbed the orchard wall of the home. Her uncle and his son, hearing raphers and cinema men, met the ed another of her attackers. The German Fleet an hour before it was



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We Still Pay for the Errors Of President Kennedy

By Robert J. Samuelson

W through another orgy of Kennedy remembrances, and I comfess that, finally, I am fed up. It is not just that his life nation have been overdramatized, transforming him from a political figure into an entertainment phenomenon with a place in pop culture nomenon with a piace in pop cumme closer to Elvis than to Harry Truman. The dissent goes deeper. The Kennedy obsession obscures something crucial. He was, at best, a mediocre president.

I admit that Mr. Kennedy had with the crucial of the country of the countr

charm, style and class. At age 14, I was captivated by him when he ran for president; I was shattered when he was killed. Watching old television clips now, I am still stured by his rhetoric and still-amused by his quick humor. We gloried in the energetic and self-confident image that he projected. The clips can still touch emotions. But this is no longer 1960, and we do not pay our presidents to be witty, charming, elegant or funny. Every president succeeds or fails, in the harsh light of history, on the quality of a few critical judgments. It is not true, as Mr. Kennedy's defenders say, that he did not have the time to show his leadership potential. His judgments did make

a difference, but mostly for the worse. It was Mr. Kennedy who blessed and promoted an ambitious economic agen-da (dubbed the "new economics") that launched an era of rising inflation and permanent budget deficits. President Dwight Eisenhower had adhered to the old idea of balanced budgets. Three of his eight budgets were in surplus, his net deficit over two terms was less than \$19 billion. Mr. Eisenhower also thought that inflation must be checked, even if that meant occasional recessions. In

1961, the inflation rate was I percent. Mr. Kennedy's economists argued fairness, many of Mr. Kennedy's errors that economic growth could be in-reflected the climate of the times. Americreased, and the economy kept at "full employment," by relaxing the taboos ist budget deficits and inflation. The rest is history. Once these useful. disciplines were gone, government lost control of its budgets and let loose what became double-digit inflation.

It was Mr. Kennedy who made the critical commitment to Vietnam. All the subsequent speculation about whether he would or would not have increased that commitment, as Lyndon Johnson did, is irrelevant. We can never know what Mr. Kennedy would have done -what he did was make a major military (and political) commitment to a country up, he did virtually nothing. At the Viennas survival was not a vital U.S. interest and, thereby, involve his country in a conflict that politically it could not sus-

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tain. There was no easy exit.

The point is that many of the country's political and economic traumas over the past three decades trace their origins to Mr. Kennedy's errors. No one doubts that he was intelligent or, as David Broder observes (IHT, Non. 18), a consummate politician. Flad he lived, he had

WASHINGTON — We have come the skills to be re-elected and, probably, pass much of his legislative agenda. But political skill and intelligence are not sub-stitutes for wisdom or good instincts.

These Mr. Kennedy lacked. His own experiences were limited. The histories of his administration often have him complaining (as after the Bay of Pigs) that he was poorly served by his advisers. These moments reveal a man who for all his outward self-confidence, often did not have the background or values to make good decisions alone.

Our continuing fascination with Mr. Kennedy says more about us than it does about him. We Americans feel that we were unfairly deprived of the future we deserved and that Mr. Kennedy, had he lived, would have provided it.

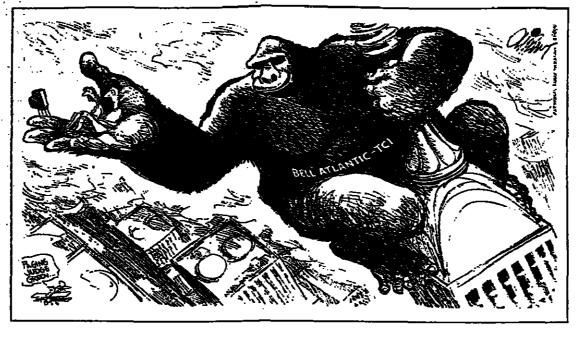
This is more than a myth; it is a fantasy. Hard as it is to say, Mr. Kennedy's reputation was preserved, and possibly even made, by his death. It means he did not have to face the consequences of his own decisions. It made him a tragic figure who commanded sympathy and distracted people from the thinness of his record. If you doubt this, try a thought experiment. Visualize Mr. Kennedy as a small, pudgy man with all the charm and charisms of, say, Richard Nixon. Assume that he simply decided not to run in 1964. What, then, would you think of his presidency? Not much. Mr. Kennedy's enduring appeal lies in the tragedy of his death and his powers as a public performer: someone with

speeches and radiated a zest for living. His constructive leadership was modest. On civil rights, he was dragged along by events. His greatest foreign policy tri-umph was probably the limited nuclear test ban treaty with the Soviet Union. In cans believed fervently in their own power and in their capacity to organize progress. Some of Mr. Kennedy's errors (for example, his fondness for economic engineering) were also made by leaders abroad. But Mr. Kennedy could not see

good looks who made memorable

through these prevailing illusions.
It is possible that he would have grown He faced down Nikita Khrushchev in the Cuban missile crisis. But that crisis resulted partly from Mr. Kennedy's foreign policy blunders, which led Mr. Khru-shchev to think that the new president could be had. Mr. Kennedy botched the Bay of Pigs. When the Berlin Wall went I still mourn Mr. Kennedy's death.

But we Americans need to measure our presidents better. The John F. Kennedy who lives beyond the grave commands neither my sympathy nor my interest. He is romanticized and exploited. He is not a person but a popular dehision. The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Turkey Invaded

Regarding "Turkey and Cyprus" (Letters, Nov. 12):

Michalis Attalides, Cyprus's ambas-sador to France, notes that his country was invaded by Turkey in 1974. His Excellency does not tell us why.
In July 1974, the Greek junta of colo-

nels under Demetrios Ioannides, who was a fanatical believer in enosis, the union of Cyprus with Greece, staged a military coup against Cyprus's President Makarios, who was obliged to flee. This Athens-sponsored coup was, of

course, not only contrary to international law but to the specific agreements and treaties that guaranteed the indepen-dence of the island state.

Turkey, as one of the three guarantor powers (the two others were Britain and, yes, Greece!), therefore had to intervene in order to prevent the forced annexation of Cyprus by Greece and to protect the Turkish Cypriots.

ESKIL SVANE.

No 'Reportedly' Needed

Early in the morning of Nov. 15, two masked Palestinians stood in wait to find a Jew walking alone to his morning prayers. They found one and attacked him with axes. Before he passed out from severe blows to the head - which required nine hours of brain surgery to repair — he shot one dead. The second stole his gun and fied. Eyewitness reports, government statements and the Hamas leaflet describing the event all

agree: This is what happened.

By what stretch of bizarre journalistic freedom does the International Herald Tribune print a large front-page photograph of the dead assailant, with the caption, "An Israeli soldier Mon-

day near the body of a Palestinian killed in Hebron, in the West Bank, by an Israeli settler. Two Palestinians had reportedly attacked the settler with axes" (emphasis added). Even the story on the same page omitted the word "reportedly," because there was no question the event took place. Unless one had heard the details, as anyone living here, resident or reporter, did, he would see this picture as an example of

Israeli violence, not self-protection. STEPHEN J. KOHN. Ra'anana, Israel.

All Are Appalled

Regarding "America's Chilly Message for Europe" (Looking Ahead, Nov. 16): Reginald Dale writes that most Americans are "appalled by European impo-tence in Bosnia." According to me, most Europeans are appalled by American impotence in Haiti. We are all appalled. FRANCOIS DUPUIS.

Bringing Up Baby

Regarding "Spoon-Feeding a Polish Venture" (Finance, Nov. 9):

The article on the attempt by Gerber, the American baby-food maker, to break into the Polish market because the U.S. market is declining horrified me. I lived in Istanbul when my daughter

was a baby; no Gerber or other readymade baby food was available. Spoiled Westerner though I am, I discovered that you can make baby food very quickly by just putting some of your own dinner through a garlic press and adding a bit of liquid.

The people of Eastern Europe are

poor and getting poorer. They neither need, nor can they afford, baby foods. I do not mean to single out Gerber.

simply deplore the Western attitude of trying to foist a failing ecologically doorned economic system, based not on need but on the constant creation of wants, on desperate countries.

MONICA SCHNEIDER. Penzance, England.

Women's Vote Centenary

The women of New Zealand made history 100 years ago, on Nov. 28, 1893, by becoming the first in the world to vote in national elections.

There were earlier pockets of women's suffrage — descendants of the mutineers of the sailing ship Bounty on Pitcairn's Island, the Isle of Man in Britain and the American state of Wyoming, But New Zealand was the first country of independent status to enact nationwide volng rights for women.

The final petition to Parliament in 1893 carried the signatures of nearly 30,000 women, almost a quarter of New Zealand women at that time. The sheer numbers finally disproved the notion,

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long advanced by politicians, that women were not interested in the vote. The centenary, being officially observed throughout New Zealand, is cause for celebration everywhere.

JULIE O'BRIEN. The 1993 Suffrage Centennial Trust. Wellington.

We Can Vilify the Violent And Obscene on Our Own

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Legal scholars are breaking their heads over a clash of rights: the right of children to be sheltered from pornography and vio-lence vs. the right of adults to choose to watch what they want when they want it. This week a federal appeals court

struck down government regulations that permit "indecent" broadcasts only between midnight and 6 A.M., when children who know all too well how to

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work the video recorder are presumably asleep. The court's reason: You cannot take away an adult's First Amendment rights of free speech to protect children. The Federal Communications Com-

mission promptly announced that it would continue to threaten broadcasters of porn outside those wee hours with the loss of licenses. Its reason: Clinton administration appointees do not want to be tagged "soft on porn."

In this confrontation, the government regulators will ultimately lose. The FCC's ability to regulate the broadcast media rested on the finite nature of the spectrum, and that has been mooted by the infinity of cable. Electronic media will enjoy the same freedom as the print medium, which is as it should be.

How to prevent the offspring from locking themselves in the bathroom for hours on end with a portable television set? How to "disincent" the producers and distributors of moving images from meeting the market demand for

sex and violence? First, set aside the issue of nudity. The naked human body is as innecent on the screen as it is on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Nudity is already losing its shock value to advertisers; we need not worry about the "boob tube" gaining a second meaning.

Violence is a related but separate is sue. The glorification of crime on the screen leads to crime in the street; not enough shame is attached to those who make their living inciting violence. Everyone who makes a buck in sociopathic fiction should be accurately identified, vilified, picketed and ostracized.

Remember "Red Channels" from the McCarthy era? I would like to see a "Blue Channels" that points an accusing finger at individuals not based on their ideology but on their abuse of free speech in commercial exploitation of the

worst in human nature. Treat the profiteers of violence to a countervailing social consequence. In-stead of a red light from government, which offends the constitutional rights of all, turn on a white light of publicity by citizens' groups, newsletterists, cru-sading talk jockeys. Citizens' boycous work. The writers, directors and editors com of bloodthirsty epics — and the inves-tors therein — should be locally de-

nounced and required to face the condemnation of their own children.

And now to porn, from the Greek word for "harlot." There is evil porn employing children, encouraging rape,

wallowing in whips-and-chains humiliation - that belongs in the "violence" category above. Then there is plain porn: people jumping on each other, brooding beauties manipulating themselves, sound-

tracks of grunted affirmations, and contorted positions that outstretch the Kama Sutra. A line of poetry sticks in my mind, I think by Ogden Nash: "Heaven is nice/ And orgies are vile-But I like an orgy/ Once in a while." Edifying? No. Entertaining? Undeni-

ably, judging by sales, although interest soon flags. Harmful? Not to adults who know the difference between sexual games, played mainly in the mind, and serious lovemaking.

Plain private porn is no big deal. It's a fact of life that has this constructive aspect: Porno films launched the videoape revolution, and while we computer illiterates sleep, multimedia pora - interactive, yet — is giving the new world of CD-ROM its initial commercial impetus. (They aren't buying those triplespeed players for the encyclopedias.)

To the original question - How to limit adult fare to adults? - this old answer: Set a thief to catch a thief. You know those little numbers in the television listings for "VCR Plus" that let you record tapes without an engineering

degree? Give everything a number based on sex and violence content. Then get groups to publish ratings. Then program your set or computer to receive only those ograms below a certain age level.

When the kids are asleep, punch in your adult's code and watch what you want. Take control yourself. It beats turning it over to the government. The New York Times.

Word to the Wise

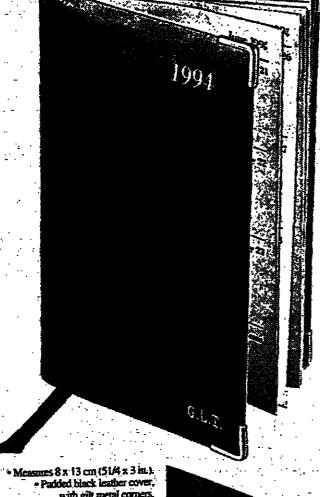
ATTORNEY GENERAL Janet Reno said in Washington recently that if the networks didn't clean up their act, the government would.

A word to the wise from the Justice Department should be sufficient. It should be clear by now that Hollywood. which prospers from its easy access to American hearts and minds, cannot say it has no influence whatsoever on its customers' behavior.

Self-regulation by the entertainment industry is no longer debatable. Nor is the eternal obligation of parents to carefully monitor what their children watch. We live in a society where the pressure for change is often produced from interest groups. This time, the message is ing from the largest interest group

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By Andrew Ranard

O CHI MINH CITY — The French photographer on the plane coming in said wistfully.

"Saigon! Ah, Saigon! All my life
I have wanted to come to Saigon! Now I will
be able to say 'I have to say 'I have be able to s be able to say, 'I have been in Saigon!' "

The man carried a backpack, and his budget wouldn't allow him to explore the more ostentatious sights of the city, but I envied him. He was about 30; French history in Vietnam was far enough removed that he felt no embarrassment. He had the unnerving innocence, the gall, to celebrate his connection as a Frenchman to the city.

For Americans, the interlude in Vietnam had been a journey to the barbed edge of the moon; for the French, the experience had also been humiliating, but somehow they had turned it into a chivalrous romance. We got Michael Herr's "Dispatches" and the Wagnerian background music in "Apocalypse Now"; they got the steamy passages in Marguerite Duras's novel "The Lover" and the movie "Indochine."

Four days later I ran into the Frenchman on Dong Khoi Street in central Ho Chi Minh City, where he had become an extra in a movie. He was stunned by the irony. Now he was playing out his Vietnam fantasies in front of a camera for \$25 a day. The movie was a South Korean production called "Farewell to Song Ba," a 24-episode series

the time from 1968 to the present. The actress Linh Dan Pham, who had co-starred in "Indochine," was in the film. She's right over there, the Frenchman said, pointing to a vintage Chevy Nova convertible, where she

As the Frenchman and I talked, an American in his 20s, who was also an extra in the film, hung on the edge of the conversation. American. It was written all over him. Youthful, confident, energetic; the best and brightest of intentions and he wanted to get in. Twenty years ago, his hair would have been long but the wire-rim glasses would have been the same, and he would have been demonstrating at Kent State. In Vietnam during my tour, I had known soldiers like him - cerebral but in those days cynical - who had pulled numbers at the wrong end of the lottery and had ended up as clerks in Saigon or, to their horror, with their fingers on an M-16 trig-ger in the boonies.

I took out my notebook and asked if I could interview him. He was flattered. The crew was shooting its last shot before lunch, and as we talked, a handsome Asian actor started down Dong Khoi in a pedicab. The cameras began to roll. The young American was working, so we stepped into the background in order to continue our conversa-tion. "So far I've been an army grunt, a

for Korean SBS Channel-6 TV that covers an MP, a naval officer, an air force officer et American, "said Noah Potkin, the young and a civilian," he said. He had the same American, who had now introduced himself. astonishment as the Frenchman, as though shuffling through a murky twilight world. And so what was the young man doing in

fietnam? I asked. "I'm studying Vietnamese and waiting for the embargo to be lifted," he said. "I've got a job with a company in publications."

TE decided on lunch and turned the corner, out of the movie set. past an old Citroen. Dejà vu. French cars from the '50s and American ones from the '60s are everywhere in Ho Chi Minh City; the entire city could be a period set. We took a seat at Restaurant 13, a popular outdoor café.

Something was always happening at this cafe, and sure enough something did. Two middle-aged playboys - one Vietnamese, the other European - pulled up in a jeep and hopped out carrying tennis rackets, with young Vietnamese girlfriends in cutoff jeans at their sides. The street kids descended on their table, plying their albums of colonial Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian stamps and currency. One runty kid, who looked 9, but I knew to be 14, got along well with the European, who pinched his cheek and said, "You should be in the movies."

We were all in the movies, it seemed. Or perhaps it was a novel if that was your taste. "I've just read Graham Greene's The QuiHe struggled to find the right words. "It's amazing how little has changed."

Had he met the old man who owned the

sed bookshop? I asked. He had not. So I closed my notebook and told him the story, which I offer in more

The old man speaks fluent French, he's got a white beard and be looks saintly, like Ho Chi Minh. He worked for The Associated Press during the war and got trapped in Saigon when it fell. Peter Arnett tried to get him out, and the old man and his family were actually on their way to Tan Son Nhut Airport with Arnett on April 28, 1975, two days before the fall, when the airport was rocketed and there was panic. They had to

His escape was foiled again the night be-fore the fall when he and his family were left stranded at the gate of the American Embassy. A part-time American journalist, who had been assigned to help him get into the embassy, had not turned up.

The man had sold his properties for a quarter of their worth and transferred his assets into cash and gold. When Saigon fell. there were 2,000 libraries in the country and they were all plundered. There were the provincial libraries; the embassy libraries; each American base had a library. There were 50,000 to 60,000 books alone in the

Abraham Lincoln Library. All these books ladder, and the entire family scrambled up. ended up at street vendors' stands.

The old man had a French sense of humor. He had said there were only two things in life he cared about: good wine and good books. When the pillaging began, he sent his wife out to buy a year's supply of California wine, and then he began his career as a book

E spent the next five years com-piling a collection of 10,000 to 15,000 volumes, at the rate of two trips a day on his hicycle to the book vendors, "fishing" out a dozen or so volumes at a time.

"I loved the fishing," he said. "When I was looking for books, I was lost to everything. I would spend hours looking for them, and with each two or three days reading them. I didn't need to est or drink. That's what it's like when you're passionate about books." It was from this collection that he opened up his used book store.

That's a good one, Noah acknowledged. But there's more, I said, a twist and a coup d'éclat. Saigon was in chaos before it fell. Those who were leaving were saying good-bye to family and friends. The old man had a brother in the South Vietnamese military who was not high up, so he would have to stay. They said good-bye; but the brother had a son who was a helicopter pilot. When the city fell, the son jumped in a helicopter, flew over the father's house, let down a rope

The son flew the helicopter out to a U.S. aircraft carrier and landed. The family disembarked and the helicopter was pushed overboard.

That was how it was in the days before the city fell, the old man said. "You see how contrary it was. My brother's family is living in America and I have been here."

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I reopened my notebook. What were No-ah's observations of Vietnam?
"In the U. S. they can't separate Vietnam from the Vietnam War," he said. "But over here the war is over. Seventy percent of the population is under 30."

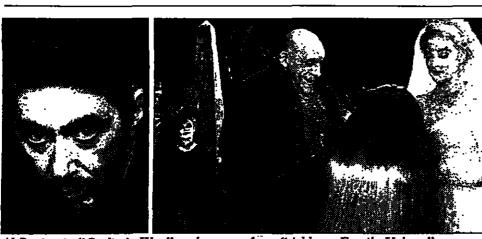
Now wait, is that a fact? I asked him. "I'm not sure," Noah answered, "but I know they're young and they don't remember the war. It's just one of many wars they've gone through to get rid of the foreigners. Before the Americans, it was the French, and before the French, it was the Chinese."

It was as if I had heard a recording. This was the standard response you got 20 years ago from college kids who were against the war. The ghost of that argument was still alive today.

Noah struggled for his handle. "My father was over here," he said. "He was drafted. He was an infantry grunt in '68. I'm the same age as he was then. I never thought I'd turn up with a gun in my hands as an infantry soldier fighting in Vietnam."

Andrew Ranard writes from Southeast Asia.

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Al Pacino in "Carlito's Way" and a scene from "Addams Family Values."

Carlito's Way Directed by Brian De Palma.

For quite some time during "Carlito's Way," we are satisfied to watch Al Pacino perform. In the role of Carlito Brigante, club owner, ex-con and former smack kingpin in New York's Spanish Harlem, this marvelous actor, with his Mephistophelian beard, glowering eyes and black leather coat, ooks smashingly world-weary. Mesmerized by his energy, his lean, rugged features and his sharp, emphatic moves, we are happy just to watch him, without thinking much about the film's laggardly pace or its overworked themes. Still, about halfway through, the overwhelming fact that the movie is a complete nothing become too much to ignore. Set during what may be the dying minutes of Carlito's life as he is being surneved into the emergency room, the film flashes back through the key events and people in the character's recent past, emphasizing in particular the time since he was released from a five-year prison term. Brian De Palma's direction is alert but dispirited, and certainly for us there is a sense of drudgery in having to observe

this gifted filmmaker run through his tired bag of tricks. Watching "Carlito's Way," all you can think is, "Brian, why aren't you over this gangsters and guns and blood stuff yet?" (Hal Hinson, WP)

Les gens normaux n'ont rien d'exception-

Directed by Laurence Ferreira Barbosa. France.

When Martine, a hectic and contrary young woman (Valéria Bruni-Tedeschi) is dumped by her boyfriend, she runs temporarily amok and is handed over to a psychiatric ward. It turns out to be the perfect place for her to operate: She will smoke the crazies out of their rigid scenarios, show up the doctors as inept, inject a spirit of rebellion in the wards. Finally, she organizes a picnic on the lawn and forces the inmates into couples with the idea that disturbed people would be better off with more love in their lives. The "normal" staff and family, depicted as insensitive and uncomprehending get their come-uppance in this dog of a comedy (roughly translated as Nothing extraordinary about normal people"), which does not tread lightly. There's more

acting up than acting, and just about every character is improbable, perhaps because that was the only way the director could find to make a farce out of mental distress.

(Joan Dupont, IHT) Addams Family Values

Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld. U.S.

"These Addams men --- where do you find them?" coos the family's voluptuous new namy (Joan Cusack), trying to make a good impression. "It has to be amp," explains Morticia (Anjelica Huston), the Addamses' reigning mistress of witchy delivery and sly, sugar-coated malice. "He has my father's eyes," coos Gomez (Raul Julia), admiring little mustachioed Pubert, the baby who arrives at the start of "Addams Family Values." "Gomez," Morticia says evenly, "take those out of his mouth. Now it could be that the making of this secuel was sheer drudger for all concerned. But it doesn't seem likely. Barry Somenfeld repeats some of the first film's visual stunts without wearing out their welcome, and he sustains much more exuberance than a sequel might be expected to have. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

By Wayne Curtis

ADGASTEIN, Austria --- A ski trip to the Gastein Valley in Austria will be memorable for any number of reasons, not the least of which is the eclectic collection of 53 ski lifts that stitches together the five ski mountains. A funicular ascends halfway up one mountain, where it connects to a cable car, Chairhifts range from creaky two-seaters to briskly efficient detachable quads. A decidedly modern high-speed, six-seat gondola whisks skiers 3,700 feet (1,033 meters) up from a valley train station to a summit lodge in a matter of minutes.

And then there are the T-bars, which are plentiful on novice and expert slopes alike. This will not come as good news to those who associate them with embarrassing spills and

Some of the T-bars offer pleasing, gentle ascents, such as the Hirschkarlift, which runs along an undulating ridge linking an inviting bowl with an open mountainside slope. But others ascend implausibly steep hills at harrowing velocities. This includes the much-dreaded Kreuzkogellift (sched-uled to be replaced by a chairlift in 1994), which takes skiers to the highest ski peak in the valley. This lift, "T-bar from hell," rockets up a 1,500-foot ascent at a reckless speed that seems to put the lift attendant in mortal danger of decapitation. It was all we tragic divots left by less fortunate skiers ahead of us.

This lively pastiche of vintage and modern lifts seems emblematic of the Gastein Valley, 60 miles (100 kilometers) south of Salzburg. The region has evolved from a resort famous ion, that Badgastein drew much attention. for its therapeutic hot springs to a winter attracting the likes of King Wilhelm I of resort that attracts thousands of skiers to its Prussia and Emperor Franz Joseph of Ausne peaks.

here, weaving a rich and vibrant texture. In the lobbies of the hotels, you can spot gran-unheard-of luxury) with high mineral condes dames fresh from the medicinal baths tent that was said to aid in recovery from along with young skiers with hurid pink hair various maladies, including degeneration of ety of terrain. Our connection to the mount and chartreuse snow suits. That spirit seems the joints, chronic rhematism, circulatory tain was the funcular, a fast and efficient to infect the whole of the valley. Two resort towns dominate the long, nar-

a horseshoe-shaped rim overlooking a turnultuous 500-foot waterfall.

Salzburg **AUSTRIA**

From Lift to Lift, in Austria's Gastein Valley

stated pensions cling to the granite hillside, thermal water grew twice as fast as those in each seemingly straining to get the best ordinary water.) Patients today report that glimpse of the falls, which tumbles under a radon treatments make them feel more alive gracefully arched bridge and through the and healthy. town's center. The valley is so narrow and the hills so sheer that the ski peaks above are scarcely visible, and sunlight seems to hit only for a few hours each day. Badgacould do to stay in our tracks and avoid the its early wealth and fame.

HE hot springs were discovered in the seventh century. But it was not until the mid-19th century, when the Alos suddenly burst into fashtria, among others. Badgastein's stock con-Yet past and present mingle comfortably timed to soar through the end of the century, problems and inflammation of muscles, ten- train that moved smartly along a steeply dons and joints.

row valley: Badgastein and Bad Hofgastein. In 1904, a new element was discovered in Badgastein is the more venerable of the two, the water. The thermal springs were found situated at the head of the valley, perched on to emit radon 222, an inert gas that enters into the lungs of those socking in the baths. (That discovery set off a number of studies, Old mansard-roofed hotels and under- including one that determined frogs kept in

Six miles downriver, the town of Bad Hof-

newer resort hotels of four or five stories, many of which have attempted to blend into the surroundings by adding heavy wooden balconies and chalet-style roofs. For skiers, of course, the chief amenities of the Gastein Valley are the ski lifts. Those lifts serve four main alpine peaks; one other, the south-facing Grankogel, opens only when

gastein spreads across a broader, flatter sec-

tion of the valley and it is sunnier than its

hillside neighbor. Surrounding the village

center of narrow streets and boutiques are

Show conditions waitant Schlossalm and Stubnerkogel - which are linked by chairlifts - dominate the central part of the valley and occupied us for most of our stay, because they offer the greatest variety of terrain. Our connection to the mounangled track. Midway up the mountain, everyone shuffled out of the relatively spacious funicular and into a crammed cable car for the remainder of the ascent, for a total gain

of 3,955 feet. Schlossalm, the horizon unfolded from one New York Times.

alpine range to the next, a somewhat jarring sight after a day in the tightly confined valley. Where the valley was cold, damp and in a state of perpetual winter twilight, the ridge was warm, dry and painfully bright in the morning sun. Billowy snowfields tucked into the folds and ravines below us, looking a bit like sheets covering furniture at a summer cottage closed for the season. Lift lines stitched this vast fabric together; some lifts connected upward toward the peaks above, others rose from timberline below.

Snow conditions were spotty at best in the valley. Snow-making techniques were somewhat primitive, consisting of snow guns mounted on the backs of Sno-Cats. Operators of those mobile units blanket areas where the cover is thinnest, not taking the time to groom, then move on to another area. As a result, skiers first accelerate on icy slopes, then suddenly pitch forward, sometimes with disastrous results, as they hit new natches of ankle-deep, man-made snow. After several runs, we retreated to Bad Hofgastein. On days when the ski conditions were . poor, diversions weren't hard to find. Exploring either of the two central towns easily occupied a few hours.

For working out knee and muscle stiff-ness, the walking path between Badgastein and Bad Hofgastein along the River Achen was well-plowed and nicely maintained, if a little monotonous. (The river had been widened and straightened during some fit of civil engineering in years past.) Numerous crosscountry ski tracks also dotted the valley.

Then, of course, there were the baths. Both Badgastein and Bad Hofgastein have large public bath houses, which are popular with " everyone from young children to the elderly. Badgastein, the modern concrete and plate-glass Therman Tempel offered heated swimming indoors and out, a spacious sauna and the usual selection of radon cures and therapies (by medical prescription only). Men and women alike are required to wear bathing caps, looking like so many Easter eggs and lending the pool a festive appear-

At Badgastein, the main bathhouse is across from the main lift. It is not quite as modern as the Therman Tempel, but offers an enjoyable way to slowly soak the chill from one's bones, and to contemplate the next day's endeavor.

Wayne Curtis, who lives in Portland, From the cable car station at the top of Maine, and skis frequently, wrote this for The

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A Squeaky Wheel Gets the Upgrade By Roger Collis

nal Herald Tribum ECOGNITION is what business travelers value the most. The best way to get it is to become a "com-mercially important person." Another way is to be a "commercially difficult person." The greatest thing that can happen to you with an airline or a hotel is to have some kind of problem. This gives you the chance to introduce yourself with a judicious complaint so that people know who you are. I

The Frequent Traveler

prefer to be ranked in the computer as a highprofile troublemaker than just another com-plaisant customer. This is the fast track to surprise upgrades and a welcome at the steps of the plane and a better class of junk mail. Complaints experts want to hear from travelers with complaints.

"We've found that of all customers who have a reason to complain only one third actually complain," says Charles Weiser, who heads customer relations for British Airways in London. "We also know that people whose problem we fixed are more likely to be loyal than those who never had a problem. We are only seeing the tip of the iceberg. The challenge is to get more people with complaints to contact us. When things go wrong we would rather hear howls of protest than an ominous

Other airlines say they handle complaints with as much alacrity as BA. "We ensure the customer gets an acceptable response within seven to 10 days, by phone or letter," says Robert Nadin, British Midland spokesman. American Airlines says it responds to "VIP gold/platinum AAdvantage club members in five days, and others in 12 days."

"We try to rectify complaints during a trip," says Virgin Atlantic. "Richard [Bran-son] sees the complaints and will often call

Weiser's department receives about 500 phone calls and 400 letters a day; about one-

quarter are positive. A computer scanner ads the text and captures it in the database. We've created listening posts so that customers can talk to BA from anywhere in the world through our new telephone link, which we called CareLine," Weiser says. "We call back on a random basis 1,000 customers a month who've written or phoned us, and we ask them how well did we do in resolving their complaint? Have they noticed any im-provement in our service? And would they be more or less likely to choose BA next

time? It gives us a check on how well we are meeting customers' expectations." BA's "pro-active" approach to handling complaints has not received universal ac-claim since it was started about a year ago. In recent issues of the British magazine, Executive Travel, I counted four negative and two positive reports in letters to the editor. Samples:

"The lady charged with replying to my complaint left the carrier to have a baby and replied on her return 12 months later. . . . Lucky I wasn't allocated to someone retiring.

"Later that evening, I had a call from Mr. Weiser himself — from his home. The problem was solved and I was appeased." "In our experience BA is not among the

best in listening to and resolving customers' complaints," says Roland Baird, chief executive of the International Airline Passengers

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Chateau La Feet, a California winery, is having to rename itself Chateau La Foot because France's Château Lafite-Rothschild threatened to sue. Michael C. Houlihan, the owner of Barefoot Cellars, doesn't seem too upset. He told the AP that the next step is Chateau La Toe. "I don't want my wine confused with wine that costs \$124 a bottle. It would ruin me."

prepared to do anything for one of our members who complained about a safety issue, which they denied took place."

"We do not get it right all the time," Weiser says. "The problems we have the most difficulty fixing are seat allocation; about 30 percent of cases we're losing, they just will not come back."

Cancellations, handling disruptions and baggage delivery, delays, bumping, down-grading and check-in procedures are topranking complaints.

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How people complain tends to be a matter of pationality.

Says Weiser: "Contrary to popular belief, Americans are not the most litigious, but they know their rights, and exactly the right buttons to push. They don't rant and rave, are very logical and are good at articulating constructive solutions. We don't get collect calls from anyone but Americans,

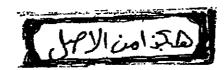
"People who are the most litigious, and formal, are from the Indian subcontinent. Lots of registered post. Threats of litigation with a great deal of personal hurt. What counts more with Americans is effort, if one has made an effort and dealt sympathetically, The same for the British. But if you don't make the effort, woe betide.

"We have our lowest complaint rate in Japan and Korea; they don't want you to lose face. When they do send a letter, it is very timid and they refer more to how they felt rather than actually what happened.

"Australians tend to like using the phone as much as Americans. They appeal more to a sense of fair play: 'Do you think this is right?' vs. Americans' This is what you promised'.

"Complaints from Germans tend to be factual incidents rather than about how they feel. I've had a 40-page complaint bound with appendices. They play by the rules and are willing to have the rules played back to them.

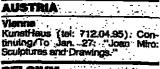
"The French tend to be mean, nasty. You wouldn't find this on Air France. It can be very xenophobic, Anglophobic. In the Mediterranean countries it tends to be more patrician, but just as nasty, though with less substance than in a French complaint."



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Royal Academy of Arts (tel: 071.439.7438). Continuing/To Dec. 12: "American Art in the 20th Century." More than 230 works by some 60 artists highlighting the development of American sculpture and relating sizes 1913.

painting since 1913.
Tate Gallery (tel: 887.8000). To March 13: "Contemporary Prints: Recent Giffs to the Collection." New acquisitions include prints by Seen Scully, Per Kirkeby, Jasper Johns and Luclen Freud, among others. Oxford

Ashmolean Museum (tel: 965.278.000). Continuing/To Jan. 16: "The Engravings of Roger Vieli-

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Cernuschi 45.63.50.75). To Jan.2: "Encres Re-centes de Wu Guanzhong." More than 50 works by the Beijing-born

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Theatre du Châtelet (tel: 40.28.28.40) Dec: 5: John Adams will conduct the Ensemble InterContemporain in a performance of his works, including "Shaker Loops." "Chamber Symphony," "Christian Zeal and Activity" and "Feerful Symphony "

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600 paintings, collages, drawings, gousches and photographs from the pre-Revolutionary era to the post-Statinist reaction, and explores the impact of the Russian artists on their Western European counterparts. tem European counterparts.

Frankturt Ars Antique '93 (tel: 49.611.30.08.77). Nov. 27 to Dec. 5: More than 100 exhibitors from Europe and overseas will present an-tiques, historical carpets and textiles, icons, sculptures, old prints and books, paintings and drawings by old masters, furniture and jewelry.

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Museum of Art (tel: 734.21.67). To Jan. 2: "Treasures of Changan, Capital of the Silk Road." Xian, known in ancient times as Changan, was the capital of the Han and Tang empires as well as the estien terminus of the as well as the eastern terminus of the Silk Road. The exhibition features more than 100 works, including porcelain wares, bronzes, stone sculp-tures and silk fabrics dating from

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The Israel Museum (tel: 708.811). To Dec. 19: "To Live in Jerusalem." Jerusalem residences and Hestyles during the last hundred years. Tel Aviv

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Palezzo Medici-Riccardi (tel 55.27.60). To Dec. 5: "Kasimir Malevich." An exhibition of 60 works of Malevich (1878-1935) from the Rus-sian State Museum In St. Petersburg. The exhibition will also travel to Milan.

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Zurich Kunsthaus (tel: 251.67.65). To Feb. 20: "Joseph Beuys." Installations, windows, murals, sculptures and drawings by the multifaceted German artist who lived between 1921 and 1986.

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Chicago The Art Institute of Chicago (tel: 443.3600). To Nov. 30: "Mex Ernst: Dada and the Dawn of Surrealism." 180 paintings, collages, drawings, as well as pieces involving photomontage, overpainting, and the rubbing technique the Surrealist painter invented, over the years 1912-1927. Ноимо

Museum of Fine Arts (tel: Museum of Fine Arts (tel: 713.639.73.00). To Jan. 9: "Kenneth Notand: The Circle Paintings, 1956-64." Traces the artist's development in the depiction of circles. These shapes range from free-hand designs to hard-edge compositions. New York

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Museum of Modern Art (tel: 212.708.9400). Continuing/To Jan. 11: "Joan Miro."
The Pierpont Morgan Library (tel: 212.685.4740). To Jan. 9: "A Christmas Carol: 150th Anniversary of the Dickens. Classic." The menuscript

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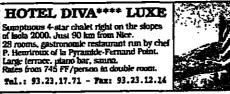
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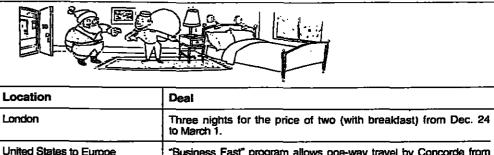
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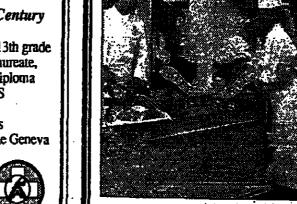


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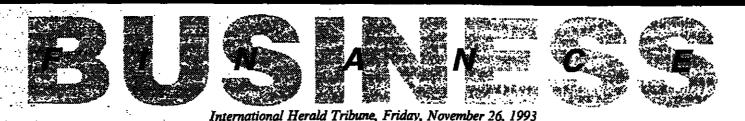


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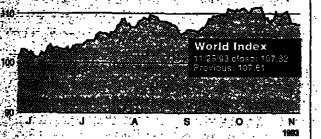
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Tensions Resume For VW And GM

By Frank Swoboda and Warren Brown

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — General Motors Corp. and Volkswagen AG have broken off negotiations to settle a civil suit over the defection of José Ignacio López de Amortúa, the former GM purchasing chief, and seven associates to the German automaker, sources familiar with the talks say.

Sources said Wednesday that a tentative agreement had been reached between the two auto com-panies in Frankfurt last week, but fell apart at the last minute. The breakdown occurred over tough new language that GM demanded connecting the terms of the settlement to a separate criminal case.

GM officials confirmed that a tentative agreement had been reached and that talks had broken down, but would not comment fur-

One source said that GM has insisted that the seven associates of Mr. López be barred permanently from working for VW if they are found guilty of wrongdoing in the criminal case. GM has maintained that they knew GM company secrets involving supplier costs and production plans that would be extremely valuable to VW.

A federal grand jury in Detroit is also looking into the case.
[VW remains ready to settle with

the GM unit Adam Opel AG out of court in spite of the interruption of talks between the two companies' lawyers, said a VW spokesman, Joachim Cordshagen, in Wolfsburg, Germany, AFP-Extel News report-

But Mr. Cordshagen said VW would settle only on the basis of the agreement recently reached between the two companies, which failed to receive the approval of GM's top management. The spokesman declined to confirm that the talks had broken off, say-

ing they "had been interrupted."
[In Rüsselsheim, Germany, Bruno Seifert, a spokesman for Opel, said talks had not broken down.]

Will Interest Rates Hold? Analysts in U.S. See Continuing Lows

By Sylvia Nasar New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Despite a recent upturn in interest rates, many economists and market analysts believe that the United States has entered an era of rates far lower than in the 1980s that is likely to last for many years, thanks to a host of forces ranging from an inflation-fighting Federal Reserve

to a slow-growing world economy.

"We really are in an environment of lower interest rates," said Joel L. Prakken, an economist at Laurence H. Meyer & Associates, a forecasting firm in St. Louis that predicted the sharp decline in rates earlier this year. "We call it, Back to the

Even though long-term rates have jumped near-ly half a percentage point in recent weeks, they remain appetizingly low to middle-aged baby boomers, many of whose first mortgages were about I2 percent.

While current interest rates -- with a long-term Treasury bond rate of about 6.3 percent - are not unusually low in an historical perspective, they are low enough to benefit the economy.

To be sure, the only certain thing about interest rates is that they will not stay where they are today. Some analysts expect rates to edge down again. Others, like James E. Annable, chief economist at the First National Bank of Chicago, say long-term rates will rise more, as they often do when an expansion progresses and inflation picks up. Mr. Annable looks for long-bond rates to average about 7 percent next year.

More certain, according to most forecasters, is that short-term rates, which are at 30-year lows,

will rise as the economy keeps growing.

What is striking, however, is that almost no one expects a return any time soon to the days of double-digit interest rates and spiraling inflation. For now, both bears and bulls predict rates will move up and down in a far narrower band, roughly 5 to 7 percent, than they did for most of the 1980s, when they fluctuated between 8 and 14 percent.

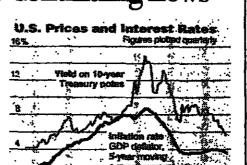
"You'll have plain vanilla interest-rate fluctua-tions," said Richard B. Hoey, chief economist and portfolio manager of Dreyfus Corp. He said rates could as easily go up as they could go down in the immediate future.

"But you won't repeat the bear market from 1979 to 1981, which was the bond equivalent of the Great Crash in the stock market of 1929 to 1932," he said. "The 1980s were the aberration, not 1993."

Most people agree that rates like those many of their mothers and fathers paid on their home and business loans would be golden, not just for the would-be owner of a house or a Range Rover, but Low rates, in particular low inflation-adjusted

rates, tend to favor investments from college educations and computers to highways and houses. Just about everyone from President Bill Clinton on down believes that more investment is needed to raise American standards of living.

Economists expect rates to remain lower than



during the 1980s because they do not expect either inflation or credit demand to surge in the '90s.

1980 - 1985 - 1990

Take inflation. There are few signs of inflation-ary pressures in the economy. The Consumer Price Index has risen at an annual rate of only 3 percent in the last year, and the Blue Chip consensus of economic forecasters expects the index to rise at

about the same rate next year.

Unemployment is inching down, and capacity utilization is edging up slowly. The dollar has been drifting up. Oil prices are not expected to soar in a weak world economy. Europe and Japan are still slumping and are not expected to generate increases in commodity prices.

More important, most people now say they believe that inflation will stay low, which should hold down speculative pressures, like higher wage demands and price increases.

A quarterly survey by the Federal Reserve Bank Philadelphia shows that inflation expectations have fallen steadily over the last decade. Business executives polled in the survey predicted that the consumer inflation rate would be running at only about 3.5 percent 10 years from now.

That is in sharp contrast to the predictions made in 1981, when inflation was in the double digits, and executives predicted a consumer inflation rate of more than 8 percent for the next decade.

What's really different is that people's expecta tions have genuinely switched from a high-inflation world to a low-inflation world," said Christina Romer, an economist at the University of California at Berkeley who has studied interest-rate trends over the last century.

Most economists give much of the credit for the change in expectations to the Federal Reserve and the credibility that it has built as an inflation fighter during the reigns of Paul A. Volcker, who became the Fed's chairman in 1979, and Alan Greenspan, the chairman since 1987.

"Obviously, the Federal Reserve isn't omni scient and perfect, and there are political consider-ations that impinge on monetary policy," said William Poole, an economist at Brown University

Oil Prices Slide **As OPEC Fails to Set New Quotas**

VIENNA — Oil prices contin-ued to fall on Thursday after the 12 OPEC exporters failed to agree on even a token cut in output to halt a long, recession-led slide.

London crude oil futures for the benchmark Brent Blend fell to \$14.56 per barrel, down 58 cents from Wednesday. At one point the price was at \$14.18, the weakest since November 1988. A year ago oil traded at around \$20.

"OPEC has abrogated its cartel responsibilities, and the consumer smiles," said Peter Gignoux, head of the London energy desk for Smith Barney Shearson.

are weaker than at any time since before the 1973 Arab oil embargo. In two days of talks in Vienna this week, OPEC oil ministers considered a modest cut of 500,000 barrels daily on their agreed ceiling

troleum futures markets.
A cut of up to 1.5 million barrels daily was considered but also rejected. That would have been so big that some members would find it impossible to honor their new quotas, Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh of Iran said.

OPEC was abdicating its pricing role and returning to a light for market share with echoes of 1986. when a production free-for-all took prices down below \$10.

conference does not consider that OPEC alone should continue to bear the burden of balancing sup-ply and demand and believes that all producers should join in this

OPEC later made it clear that its aircraft.

their North Sea production to record levels.

without new production cuts.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was founded in 1960 to win a fair return for Third World producers. But cur-rent prices, allowing for inflation,

of 24.5 million. On paper, that would have been in line with downward revisions of demand forecasts in the present. weakened world economy.

But they decided that that would not be enough to deter new raids on the price by speculators in the pe-

A subsequent communique strengthened an impression that The communiqué said. "The

criticism was directed at Britain and Norway, which have just raised

OPEC does not see why it should curb output and let others poach its buyers, said the group's secretary-

general, Subroto of Indonesia. There is something fishy going on in the North Sea," said Ali Abmed Baghli, oil minister of Kuwait. But he said he believed that, even

prices had hit bottom. "Why assume the worst? I am optimistic," he said. "Cold weather is coming. The market will adjust

BAe Reaches Pacts With Indonesia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche LONDON - British Aerospace PLC said Thursday it had agreed with Indonesia to cooperate on making passenger cars for the Indonesian domestic market while exploring the idea of a venture to

build regional turboprop airplanes. The agreements, involving British Aerospace and its automaking subsidiary, Rover Group, were signed Tuesday in London by B.J. Habibie, the Indonesian minister for research and technology, and Dick Evans, British Aerospace chief executive.

On the airplane deal, British Aerospace and the state-run aircraft builder PT Industri Pesawat Terbang Nusantara will look into forming a joint venture to design, develop and manufacture regional turboprop aircraft. British Aerospace already assists

IPTN, based in Bandung West Java, in making its twin engine, 44seat turboprop CN-235 aircraft. Indonesia is also a customer for British Aerospace's Hawk jet trainer

WALL STREET WATCH

Aluminum Cuts Both Ways

Few York — Few yorld's metal markets with their products, driving down prices.

On Thursday, aluminum prices on the London spot market were quoted at 47.1 cents a pound, half their level before the end of the Cold War. willing to do just that - even if it

means losing a big customer while they're at it.
All five publicly traded American producers of aluminum have seen their stocks move up in recent days, some by as much as 10 percent. Investors are anticipat-ing that Western nations will persuade rejuctant aluminum producers from the Commonwealth of Independent States to

curb production and help stem a world glut of the metal. But investors, and perhaps the aluminum companies now lob-bying in Washington for help, may not be thinking enough inay not be timiling enough
about some of the consequences
of getting what they wish for.
For one thing, the United
States is a major supplier of a key
raw material for the aluminum
made by Russia and other former Soviet states. Cutting back
aluminum moduction from Rusaluminum production from Rus-

sia also means less profit for some U.S. companies. As the former members of the Soviet Union have stopped using their own aluminum for fighter planes and missiles, they have

By Alison Leigh Cowan been accused of flooding the New Tack Times Service would's metal markets with their On Thursday, aluminum prices on the London spot market were quoted at 47.1 cents a pound, half their level before the end of the Cold War.

Major American producers have called on the Russian con-

Cutting Russia's aluminum exports could mean less

profit for some U.S. companies.

tingent to roll back production 35 percent, from 3.1 million met-ric tons to 2.0 million metric tons a year, and to bring exports much closer to their 1989 levels of 250,000 tons, compared with 1.6 million tons annually at pre-

Meanwhile, Remers reported Thursday that Russia and the European Community were holding talks this week and ma-jor Western aluminum producers were to meet with representa-tives of Russia in Washington next week, in efforts to reduce the world aluminum glut.

Why Washington would mount a costly rescue of the American producers in a tough economy with an ambitions domestic agenda facing it is un-clear. But that is precisely what many investors seem to be expecting it to do.

"The only reason I can think of for the strength in the aluminum shares is speculation that these government-to-government negotiations prove fruit-ful," John C. Tumazos, a metals analyst at Donaldson, Lufkin & lemette said

But a big rollback in Russian production would crimp Russian purchases of alumina, a whitish powder that is vital in making

Even though the aluminum market has been unkind of late, alumina has been a huge money maker. Aluminum Co. of America, a Pittsburgh-based company whose stock has moved up 5.3 percent since last week, had a profit of \$36 million in the third quarter from its half-interest in an alumina producer, Alcoa of

Charles A. Bradford, a metals analyst at UBS Securities, adds that those results were no onetime wonder. Alumina, he said, also accounted for 84 percent of the company's second-quarter profit and all of its first-quarter

For Stockholders of Euro Disney, Another Session on the Rollercoaster

By Erik Ipsen emational Herold Tribun

23 percent.

Again on Thursday there was heavy trading of the shares with analysts attributing Euro Disney's robust afternoon performance to bargain hunting in the wake of five days of losses that had sliced 23 percent off the company's market to many even in Paris there were too many million visitors in the last year, down less than 10 percent from the company's original projections.

Euro Disney's creditors decided to push the park into liquidation, such a move would merely throw open the door to Walt Disney to come lem is that their costs were far too back and buy it lock, stock and bish."

Most analysts remained deeply skeptical about the company's analysts remained deeply although the American company bas little to lose financially, analysts

on the concessions the company

on the concessions the company can wring out of its creditors.

Walt Disney Co., the U.S. parent of the park, agreed earlier this month to pump cash into the project to keep it running, but only for what it described as a "limited period."

Marketing company that trades on its good name," said Michael Woodcock, an analyst with Nikko Enrope in London.

Analysts suggested that some sort of compromise would have to be reached requiring creditors to convert much of the debt to equity

On the face of it, the U.S. company would seem to have the stronger hand in its bargaining with banks. Although it owns 49 percent of Euro Disney, its actual cash investment amounts to only about 1 billion francs out of the 24 billion francs spent to build the complex.

Convert much of the debt to equity and asking Disney to give ground on the highly lucrative management contract it has with the French park.

Charles Allen, an analyst with NatWest Securities, said that the contract was "Indicrously biased" in favor of Walt Disney Co. "Even

The banks, led by Banque Indo-suez and Banque Nationale de Par-is, have loans secured on assets that

It was another wild day for the is, have loans secured on assets that Magic Kingdom as shares in Euro
Disney kicked off Thursday by
shedding a further 9 percent of
their value before bouncing back to
29.40 francs, up 2.2 francs on the
day as overall Paris market rose by

construction costs.

With debt of 20 billion francs (\$3.39 billion) and losses for the year ended Sept. 30 at 5.34 billion francs, Euro Disney's fate hinges

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"At the end of the day, this is a marketing community that trades on the day.

marketing company that trades on its good name," said Michael Woodcock, an analyst with Nikko

Disney shareholders," he said. Euro Disney itself is not beyond hope, analysts said, pointing out that in spite of its massive losses,

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Swarze: Reuters. Renault Is Next To Be Sold, Official Says

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — France's statecontrolled automaker Renault
SA will be the next industrial group to be privatized after Elf-Aquitaine, an Industry Minis-try official said Thursday. Elf-Aquitaine will be sold in

the early months of next year. No time frame was given for Renault's sale by the official. The decision on Renault is clearly aimed at placating shareholders of Sweden's Volvo AB, who are threatening to scuttle a planned merger of the two automakers (Page 12).

The government also said Thursday it had raised slightly more than 13 billion francs (\$2.21 billion) from the sale of its 43 percent stake in Rhône-Poulenc SA, which ended Tuesday. (AP. Bloomberg)

Commerzbank Net Up 51.8% In 10 Months

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FRANKFURT - Commerzbank AG, Germany's third-largest bank, said Thursday that its operating profit for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 rose 51.8 percent from a year earlier, driven mainly by profit on trading for its own account.

Chairman Martin Kohlhaussen said that management was considering an increase from last year's dividend of 10 DM, but cautioned that a final decision would not be made until the end of the year.

Operating profit totaled 909 million Deutsche marks (5534.6 million). The bank's net income from trading surged to 475 million DM in the reporting period, nearly three times the figure of 163 million DM recorded a year ago.

The bank said that its risk provisions fell 20.8 percent, to 1.369 billion DM. But Mr. Kohlhaussen said that the German recession remained a major concern and that German clients accounted for 75 percent of the 1993 provisions.

A spokesman said that a year ago the figure had also included major provisions for Olympia & York Developments Ltd. and Hafnia Hold-(Knight-Ridder, AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg)

dur, he said, "wants to involve the

members of the National Assembly

and senators between the 10th and

issues would not be settled then and that the National Assembly

would be called to vote on an "out-

guidelines to Congress on Dec. 15, and the basis will be laid down in

the three following months," he

day after the EC's trade negotiator.

Sir Leon Brittan, returned from

talks in Washington, where he said

Minister Alain Juppe said there

would be a parliamentary debate

on the trade question, but he left it unclear whether there would be a

Parliament to be able to discuss the and Trade.

Earlier on Thursday, Foreign

progress had been made.

The development in Paris came a

"President Clinton is due to put

But Mr. Longuet said that all

Review Jet Deal, Bonn Urged

BONN - Germany's national audit office has proposed that the government buy fewer Eurofighter planes and get less-costly Russian MiG-29s for its air force, according to a document made available Thursday.

A letter from the audit office to Defense Minister Volker Rühe warned that "the development of Eurofighter 2000 is currently in an extremely criti-

The Eurofighter, whose maiden flight has been delayed until April because of problems with its computerized steering system, is being developed by Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain.

The audit office said Germany could save money by buying upgraded MiG-29Ms and offsetting the price against Russia's hard-currency debt. No price was mentioned but a less-sophisticated MiG-

29 is being offered by Russia on the world market for about \$30 million.

Bonn, which is only committed to the development phase of the Eurolighter, will decide in 1995 whether to buy an estimated 140 aircraft at 90 million Deutsche marks (\$53 million) each. The planes are supposed to enter service by 2002.

The audit office said cost overruns, delays and the anticipated mid-level performance of a lowbudget version of the Eurofighter for Germany raised serious questions about the program.

Officials from Britain and Germany, meanwhile, reaffirmed their commitment to developing

"I don't think there are any doubts," Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind of Britain said. Mr. Rifkind spoke to reporters after talks with Mr.

Skoda Presses VW on Production Vows

Continued from Page 1

tors, said workers would have an

annual income loss of just under 10

week as a way of generating or preserving jobs has been gaining

currency in much of Europe be-

cause of the lingering recession and

rising unemployment.

But VW's plan was motivated

more by desperation than any incli-

nation toward socio-industrial ex-

perimentation. The company is

struggling through some of the most troubled times in its history.

Of its four brands - Volkswagen,

Audi, Skoda and SEAT - only

Other reaction to the workweek

Michael Geuenich, a board

member of the German Trade

Union Association, said the accord

would serve as a pilot for other

Skoda is flourishing.

agreement was mixed.

The idea of shortening the work-

fore he a debate, and we will see

Mr. Juppe also said it would be

mpossible to reach an agreement

by Dec. 15 unless European foreign

ministers were able to examine de-

tails of a preliminary accord at

Mr. Longuet, on the other hand,

aid the Parliament would have the

chance to vote. The deputies "will

have to vote, and I am pleased

because this will be a major debate

He added that approval of the

Mr. Balladur said France had

not vet achieved its goals in the

talks and that there was no ques-

tion of the country being confront-

ed with a fait accompli on Dec. 15.

for the Uruguay round of talks on a

new world trading system under

He said Mr. Balladur "wishes the General Agreement on Tariffs

This is the date set for conclusion

accord would depend on the flexi-bility shown by the United States.

for the French people," he said.

their next meeting Thursday.

GATT: French Forecast of Accord VW:

what happens then."

PRAGUE — Officials of the Czech government and the automaker Skoda said Thursday they planned to hold Volkswagen AG to its promises to increase production and introduce a new model at its Czech

The officials said, however, that they expected Volkswagen's total investment in Skoda to be about half the original amount of 8.2 billion Deutsche marks (\$4.8 billion) discussed when Volkswagen agreed to buy the company in 1991 from the government. VW currently owns a 31 percent stake and plans to increase its ownership to 70 percent by the end of 1995.

issue," adding. "There will there- $A\ 29 ext{-}Hour\ Week$

Czech government officials, still angry about being taken by surprise in September when VW suddenly canceled a 1.4 billion DM financing package for Skoda, said they wanted to become more closely involved with management decisions at the Czech carmaker.

As majority shareholder, the Czech government has "some leverage to help us negotiate effectively with fair indicator of the sentiment of a Volkswagen," said Radomir Sabela, Czech deputy broad group of shareholders.

Growing opposition to the merg-

Czech officials said they were more concerned that er plan, with some viewing it as e German carmaker make good on its production tantamount to a French takeover of the German carmaker make good on its production

promises, rather than its investment pledges.

Dollar Gains On Rate Talk

Bloomberg Business News LONDON - The dollar ended higher in Europe on Thursday, as the Deutsche mark slipped amid persistent rumors of lower German inter-

est rates in the near future. The pound also rose against the German currency. Markets in the United States were closed for Thanksgiving Day.

The dollar ended in Europe at 1.7066 DM, up from 1.7024 DM at Wednesday's close in New York, and at 108.30 yen. compared with 108.15 yea. It gained to 1.4975 Swiss francs from 1,4922 and to 5,9112 French francs from 5,9060.

The pound slipped against the dollar, to \$1.4863 from \$1.4885. But it surged to a three-month high against the mark, touching 2.5435 DM during the day before ending at 2.5430 DM.

2 Big Holders In Volvo Back Renault Accord

confirmed. STOCKHOLM - Two institutions owning more than II percent of Volvo AB gave their support Thursday to the plan to merge Vol-

vo's vehicle-making operations with Renault SA of France. The 4th AP-Fund, a Swedish pension fund with a 7.5 percent stake, said it would back the deal than 20 percent. unless significant new information emerged before a Dec. 7 shareholders' meeting that has been called to

vote on the merger. Later in the day, Folksam, a cooperative insurance group that holds 3.6 percent of Volvo, added

its support The verdict by the pension fund was particularly welcome to Volvo management, as it was considered a

Volvo, was what caused the Dec. 7 (Bloomberg, AFX) shareholders' meeting to be called. State-owned Renault would con-

trol 65 percent of the automakers' proposed joint company. Renault-Volvo RVA, while Volvo would own 35 percent. Anxieties had intensified Wednesday after 5th AP-Fund, which holds 1.3 percent of Volvo's

shares, announced it would vote against the proposal. In addition, three former Volvo executives on Thursday urged shareholders to vote "no" in a letter read during a television news program.

Another television news program said Thursday night that Gunnar L. Johansson, who was chairman of Volvo from 1987 to 1990, had resigned from the board of the 4th AP-Fund to protest its decision to vote for the merger. The

report could not immediately be

Opponents of the merger object particularly to the lack of a firm date for France's privatization of Renault and France's plan to retain a "golden share" in Renault-Volvo. with which it could stop other parties from obtaining a stake of more

France has promised to privatize Renault as soon as market conditions permit, possibly in the second half of 1994.

(Bloomberg, AFP)

Bayer Profit Steadies Out

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

LEVERKUSEN, Germany

Bayer AG, the German
chemicals company, said Thursday that the decline in its profit slowed in the third quarter from the first two quarters, and that this trend continued in October.

Bayer said pretax profit fell 16.6 percent in the quarter to 392 million DM (\$230.6 million) and predicted that it would show a drop of 20 percent to 2.2 billion DM for the

Chairman Manfred Schneider said that results had been buoyed by "stricter cost management and the positive influences from our non-Euro-

(Reuters, Bloomberg)



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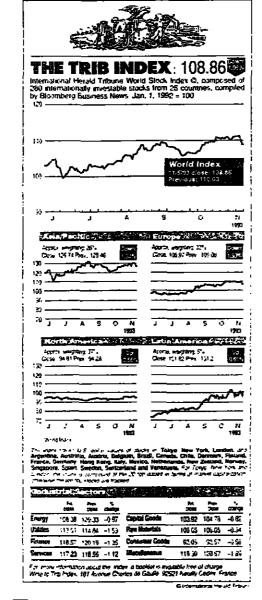
Thyssen AG management will recommend omitting the dividend for the year ended Sept. 30, a German newspaper report said. Officials of the steelmaker, which paid a dividend of 6 Deutsche marks (\$3.53) a share for the previous year, could not be reached for comment.

• Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA presented a restructuring plan to foreign bank creditors that includes creating a special fund of 2.3 million line (\$1.37 billion) to repay 65 percent of its debt to the banks, a banking source said. Germany's Bayaria state said the cost of living rose 0.3 percent in the month to mid-November and 3.4 percent over the latest 12 months down from 3.7 percent a month earlier. In Baden-Württemberg, the increase was 0.3 percent in the month and 4.1 percent in the year.

 Germany's economics minister. Gunter Rexcodt, said he expected the West German economy next year to expand by 0.5 to 1,0 percent, but he warned that "the trees will not grow into the sky," because there would continue to be "external as well as internal economic risks."

 Elf Aquitaine will probably be the first major French company to be privatized next year, Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery said, though the size of the oil company may mean it will have to be sold to investors in several stages, with the state retaining a "golden share" and establishing a "core shareholder group."

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Taiwan To Ease **Curbs** on Investment

TAIPEI — Taiwan announced on Thursday a package of reforms easing curbs on foreign investment in its financial markets to accompany the island's bid to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and

Restrictions on remittances of principal and capital gains out of Taiwan by foreign investors in the land's securities markets would be removed, the Finance Ministry

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Foreign investors would have a period of nine months after initial approval to bring funds into Taiwan, up from six months at pre-

The 10 percent ceiling on combined foreign investment in any individual stock and a 5 percent ceiling on investment by a single foreign institution, would both be raised, the ministry said.

The first ceiling would be raised

to between 20 and 30 percent, and the second to between 10 and 15 percent, a ministry official said. The ministry said it also planned to abolish all restrictions on foreign investment in securities houses, insurance companies and investment

The reforms "will open our markets, helping us to join the GATT into a regional financial center," the ministry said.

The reforms need the approval of the cabinet and in some cases the national assembly. No schedule for

implementation was set. Foreign fund managers welcomed the reforms. Curbs on fund remittances, such as a rule that capital gains can only be taken out once a year, have helped to deter foreign equity investment funds, which have totaled \$1.86 billion since the stock market first opened

Try and Catch the Wind Regulators and Rumor Vie in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR - Market moving rumors have been flying all year on the Knaia Lum-pur Stock Exchange, where the composite index has soared 51 percent since January.

But, although regulators require companies to comment on rumors that significantly affect prices of their stocks, the compaics' statements are often vagne and sometimes omit crucial in-formation. Indeed, the artful dodge is becoming a regular fea-ture, market-watchers say. "Sometimes there is a lack of a

strong, straightforward reply," P.H.S. Lim, president of the Malaysian investors Association, said. Although the exchange can fine or delist companies that fail to disclose information promptly or accurately, so far it has confined itself to issuing private or public reprimands.

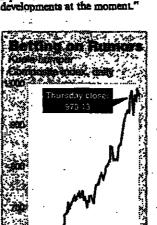
Interpreting company denials has been an especially tricky business for investors trying to assess rumors about possible or pending acquisitions.

Consider the case of Union Paper Holdings Bhd., a toilet-paper maker listed on the ex-

change's Second Board for After the stock rose from 5.40

ringgit (\$2.12) a share on Oct. 6 to 9.05 ringgit on Oct. 11, amid what traders said was a revival of speculation that it would be taken over, the exchange asked Union Paper for an explanation.

"We wish to advise all investors not to listen to rumors or market speculations on an immi-nent takeover," the executive chairman, Abdul Aziz Hussain, replied. "There are no material



stock up to 16.90 ringgit by Oct. 28, the exchange asked again. This time, Union Paper asked

that its shares be suspended from trading pending an announce-ment. Last week, the company disclosed that its controlling shareholder was in the final stages of talks on a sale of its shares to a third party, possibly setting the stage for a change in control of the company.

Merchant bankers and investment analysts agree it is not easy to decide when information should be released in such cases.

But when information comes out haphazardly, investors may have to decide, on the basis of little or nothing, whether to buy on rumor and risk ruin or take a company's denial at face value and miss a windfall.

Brokers hedge their risk by circulating private "market talk" reports with the latest gossip. Even some foreign fund managers have been pursuing rumordriven action in recent months. "Rumors have probably been 80 percent true," Richard Palmer, associate director of Ong Research in Singapore, said of the

Kuala Lumpur market this year.

China Weighs Regional Exchanges

BELIING — A new securities law will propose expanding Chma's stock market experiment by opening "regional exchanges" for provincial companies, shares according to one of its authors.

Shanghai and Shenzhen, could not keep pace with the

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implement early in 1994, would call for "multitiered" trading, with regional exchanges set up to handle n small and medium-sized local firms.

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Also on Thursday, a Finance Ministry spokesman said tax authorities were planning to revamp the would also propose opening over-the-counter markets. Mr. Cao said the two existing national exchanges, in government and regularize markets. The new rate also set an annual tax rate of 20 percent on total stock

Japan's Banks Post Declines in **6-Month Profits**

TOKYO - Most major Japa-

nese banks reported sharp declines in first-half profits Thursday, as bad loans ballooned because of the nation's business slump.

The reports represented another dose of bad news for Japan's economy in a week marked by a slide in

heading back into trouble.

Concern about the economy caused the Nikkei stock index to fall nearly 5 percent in two days early this week. It bounced back Thursday, closing 0.9 percent high-

Bad loans - defined as loans to bankrupt debtors or those on which interest had not been paid for at least six months - by 11 major retail banks totaled 9.25 trillion ven (\$85.46 billion) as of Sept. 30, according to bank officials. That represented an increase of 813 billion yen, or 9.6 percent, from six months earlier

The 11 banks' pretax profits for the six months ended Sept. 30 fell 22.2 percent from a year earlier, to 393 billion yen. Profits from core banking operations fell 10.6 percent, with eight of the 11 banking companies showing declines in that key statistic.

Officials attributed the profit decline partly to lower lending profits stemming from lower interest rates and cutbacks in total lending because of Japan's recession.

But the overriding factor was the cost of disposing of massive amounts of nonperforming loans, officials said.

Kangyo Bank, the world's largest, rose 8 percent, but pretax profit fell

56 percent because the bank decided to write off 164 billion yen in bad loans.

Previously, banks were primarily worried about bad loans from the boom years of the late 1980s. But now, many of the bad debts appear to come from businesses' inability to cope with Japan's economic the stock market. And they again that the banking industry, once thought to have come through the about new lending — making it about new lending — making it even more difficult for an economic

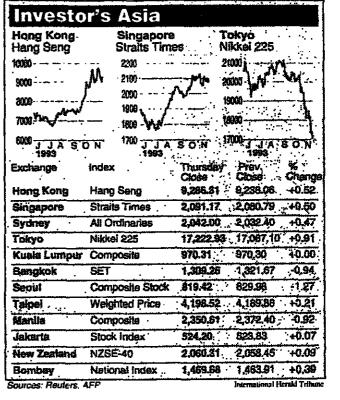
Daewoo Sues GEC Alsthom Over Rail Deal

SEOUL - South Korea's Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd. said Thursday it had sued GEC Alsthom, the French-led consortium tentatively awarded the contract for a highspeed train, for alleged breach of contract.

Daewoo said GEC Alsthom had named it as the main domestic contractor for rolling stock in December 1992.

The French consortium announced a week ago that it had chosen Hyundai Precision & Industries Co. as the leading domestic manufacturer and denied that it had any prior agreement with Daewoo.

"We have lodged the issue with the Seoul District Civil Court," a Daewoo spokesman said. "Alsthom broke the con-



Very briefly:

Mitsubishi Electric Corp. said its pretax profit rose 32 percent to 35.7 billion yen (\$329.8 million) in the six months ended Sept. 30 and had been boosted by interest payments and foreign exchange gains.

• Hitachi Ltd. said its pretax profit fell 6 percent to 105.9 billion yen in the half ended Sept. 30 due to the rise of the yen and the effects of a cool summer, which cut sales of key home electric appliances.

Toshiba Corp. said its pretax profit fell 2 percent to 36.2 billion yen in the half ended Sept. 30 with sales off in most sectors except capital goods. • China began construction of a project in the city of Jilin that is slated to be its biggest petrochemical project when completed in 1996 and that will require an investment of 12.15 billion yuan (\$2.1 billion).

Volkswagen AG's Santana model, produced in China by a joint venture in Shanghai, has local content totaling 80.43 percent, said the Guangming Daily, adding that the share was 60 percent in 1990.

 Indonesia and Iran have agreed to study a possible joint venture in Iran to assemble aircraft parts made by IPTN, a state-owned Indonesian company, according to the Antara news agency.

 Phatra Thanakit Co., a Thai securities firm, was fined 40 million baht (\$1.57 million) for mistakenly offering 200 million shares of Ayudhya investment & Trust Co.. another finance company, in the stock market. Reuters, AP, AFP

would be set at 0.6 percent on each stock sale, to be For instance, profit from core rapid growth in joint-stock companies. Beijing has shared between buyer and seller. The overhaul would ruled out another national exchange, preferring to also set an annual tax rate of 20 percent on total stock focus on making Shanghai a world-class bourse. banking operations at Dai-ichi

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PARIS - Gerard Houllier resigned Thursday as coach of the French national soccer team, eight days after France was eliminated from the 1994 World Cup.

Houllier is the second European coach to resign this week after World Cup debacles. England's manager, Graham Taylor, quit Tuesday after his team also failed

to qualify for the World Cup finals. Our elimination was cruel and painful, but we did not achieve our goal and it was logical for me to go," Houiller said. Although Houllier had a con-

tract through next year, the resignation was considered imminent after France lost Nov. 17 to underdogs Bulgaria in the final minute, losing its chance of going to the final round of the World Cup in the United States in June.

The 46-year-old former English teacher, regarded as a soccer intellectual and an expert on tactical theory, remains technical director of the national team and will have a say in the nomination of his successor, expected in the next few days. "I wanted to resign immediate-

ly." Houllier said at the French Soccer Federation. He said he had waited a week because "of the intense emotion" he had felt after the "tragic" France-Bulgaria match.
"Only 15 seconds out of 900 minutes turned everything upside

down," he said, referring to the last-gasp goal that turned a draw, which would have sent France to the finals, into a 2-1 defeat. Houllier succeeded Michel Platini in July last year. Platini resigned following France's dismal

performance in the European He's made the rational and logical choice," said Platini of

Houiller's resignation. "The match against Israel was the real catastrophe," he added. "We were incredibly badly pre-pared. What happened against Bul-

No successor was immediately named by the presidents of the federation, Jean Fournet-Fayard, and the French league, Noël Le Graet. "I have spoken with the two presidents," Houllier said, "and it seemed essential that my successor

should be a new man in a climate of calm and screnity." Sports Minister Michèle Alliot-Marie, who met Fournet-Fayard and Le Graet early Thursday. called a special meeting for Mon-day at the soccer federation. No

agenda was announced, but it was

expected that Houllier's successor

Reports said Fournet-Fayard. who has been criticized for lack of leadership over the Marseille match-fixing scandal, would also resign. Le Graet, who is credited with bringing about the downfall of the Marseille owner. Bernard Tapie, by bringing a civil action in the scandal, is expected to succeed him at the helm of a reformed federa-

Houllier ended with a record of seven victories, a draw and four osses, the last two at home in the final minute against Israel and Bul-garia, teams France was expected

Houllier played through 1976 and became a coach soon after. heading various teams in the French league's three divisions. In 1986, he coached Paris-Saint-Germain to the French first division

He served as Platini's assistant after the former French star became national coach in November

There is no obvious candidate to replace Houllier, but some of Platini's midfield partners on the great French team of the early 1980s are considered candidates, Jean Tigana is now in charge at Lyon. Luis Fernandez has transformed Cannes into a top side and Alain Giresse is on the coaching staff at (AP. Reuters, AFP)



Monaco's 4-1 Cup Victory Lifts French Spirits

AS Monaco lifted a bit of the gloom hanging over French soccer, but its 4-1 defeat of Spartak Moscow in the European Champions' League was crafted by the French squad's foreign legion.

Germany's Jürgen Klinsmann and Nige ria's Victor Ikpeba scored Wednesday night, and the playmaking of the Belgian Enzo Scifo was the hub around which many of Monaco's better attacks were built.

Youri Djorkaeff and Lilian Thuram were the other scorers who helped brighten the French game, which has been rocked by the Olympique Marseille match-rigging scandal and the national team's elimination from the 1994 World Cup competition. Nikolai Pisarev scored for the visitors.

Monaco went to the top of group A as Barcelona, favorites to make the final, managed only a goalless draw with Galatasarav FC Porto took the lead in group B by

beating Werder Bremen, the German cham-pion, 3-2, when AC Milan was held to a 0-0 stalemate by Anderlecht in Brussels. After Monaco's match, the defender Em-

manuelle Petit summed up his conflicting

"Last week, I reached rock bottom with France, but tonight I had a real high with Monaco," he said, referring to France's

shock 2-1 loss to Bulgaria on Nov. 17, which eliminated the French from the World Cup finals in the United States.

The striker Domingos scored for Perto in the sixth minute and Rui Jorge put the Portuguese team two ahead in the 34th minute. finals in the United States.

Galatasaray, shock victors over the English champion, Manchester United, in the previ-ous round, held the Spaniards to a 0-0 draw.

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Jose Carlos thought he had killed off Bremer with Porto's third 21 minutes before time, but Bremen finished with a flourish.

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The English side goes to Milan for the econd leg on Dec. 8 without its captain, Ian Butterworth, its playmaker, Ian Crook, and its key defender, Ian Culverhouse. All three Porto looked to be coasting to victory Butterworth, its playmaker, Iaa Crook, and before conceding two goals in the last five its key defender, Ian Culverhouse. All three minutes by the Austrian Bernd Hobsch and will be suspended after being booked for the second time in the competition.

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Ultimately, Kimball intends to move to Illi-

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they planned to head back to Michigan.

where he has applied.

UEFA Plan Would Cut Cup Field to 16 Teams

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BERN - UEFA European soccer's governing body, may make its clite club competition even more exclusive by denying national spokesman said Thursday.

UEFA's executive committee will consider admitting only 16 teams to the European Cha Cup, based on recent club perforce, said the spokesmen, André

"I must stress this is just one proposal among others to ensure that the stronger clubs are ade-quately represented in the competition," he added.

The proposal to be discussed by UEFA officials at a meeting Wednesday and Thursday in Gene va, would go a long way toward the "super league" sought by some of Western Europe's top club owners.

All national champions now alify for the tournament, the most prestigious of Europe's three club cup competitions. After pre-liminary rounds, the last eight teams play in two groups of four, facing each other home and away in a Champions' League. Each group winner faces the other pool's r-up in semilinals to detername the two imalists.

A proliferation of weaker teams from the former Soviet republics; the former Yogoslav republics and other nations, combined with pressure from Western Europe's most powerful clubs for more top-draw atches, has increasingly forced DEFA to seek changes to strengthen its too tournament.

"The aim is to ensure that the great soccer nations are represented," Vieli said. He said details of the plan were still under discussion.

Under the plan, the 16 teams reportedly would be broken down into four groups. Each group's top two would advance to a quarterfinai draw and a knockout system would be used from then on.

Vieli declined to comment on that reported format. (Reuters, AP)

F.A. Still Wants Howe

Don Howe is to be offered the job of caretaker manager of Engiand's national soccer team, even though he does not want it, Agence France-Presse reported Thursday

The chairman of the English Football Association's International Committee, Peter Swales, said be made to Howe, a former Eng-land coach, within the next few days to take charge of the friendly matches against Denmark and Germany in March and April.

Within hours of Taylor's resigna-tion on Tuesday, Swales, Graham Kelly, the F.A. chief executive, and Bert Millichip, the chairman, de-cided that Howe was the man to succeed him on a temporary basis.

"Apart from discussing Don Howe, we didn't come up with any-body else to speak to," Swales said. "Twe read Don's comments, but we're still hopeful we can get him to take on the commitment

In the Wake of Tragedy, U.S. Diver Takes a Step Toward a New Life

By Charlie Nobles

New York Times Service FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida - In an emotional parting at the Swimming Hall of U.S. Olympic diving coach, Ron O'Brien, told Bruce Kimball that he had a full-time job waiting for him with the Fort Lauderdale Diving Club.

Less than 12 hours later, at about 6 A.M. Wednesday, Kimball walked out of a halfway house here, completing his incarceration for killing two teenagers in a drunken-driving accident in 1988.

A silver medalist in 10-meter platform diving in the 1984 Olympics. Kimball had been at the Spectrum Cenier, a drug-and-alcohol rehabilitation center, for the last 11 months, during which he began working with young divers in O'Brien's

A ceremony to present the certificates to the youngsters for completing the diving program

In all, Kimball served less than five years of a 17-year sentence on two counts of manslaughter, after completing the substance abuse rehabilita tion program. It earned him a reduced sentence under Florida's controlled-release program for nonviolent offenders.

On Aug. 1, 1988. Kimball's car rammed into a group of about 35 teenagers in a cul-de-sac in Brandon, near Tampa, killing Robbie Bedell, 19. and Kevin Gossic. 16.

Six others were injured, two so badly that they eventually needed a total of 12 operations. Offi-cials said Kimball's blood alcohol level was twice

the legal limit. Bedell's parents, and others involved have ex-pressed outrage at Kimball's early release. Terry Bedell told The Mianu Herald that she thought

of her son often.

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Kimball isn't talking to the news media "for a

"You can't erase the sense that he's with you, think he's learned a lot of patience. The kids trust do a dive, he'll ask you if you want to do it. And if all your life," she said. "We miss his personality. him. He doesn't push them too fast. He really l wonder what his life would be now."

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variety of personal reasons," he said. Those close Kent Murray, 13, who has been coached by

to him say he is a changed man.
"I've never seen him so calm," O'Brien said. Tim O'Brien, Ron's son and head coach of the of Kimball's past until he was told Tuesday U.S. Junior Olympic diving team, who has become one of Kimball's closest friends, said: "I

Kimball for a month. "He's great," said Murray, who did not know

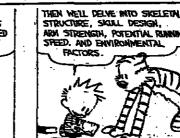
"He doesn't push you," he added. "If you can't

nade," Tim O'Brien was quoted as saying by the Miami Herald.

"He carries it with him to this day; he'll carry it with him forever," he continued. "I don't know that anyone but Brace can know how that feels."

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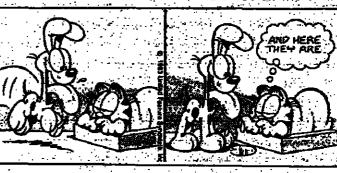


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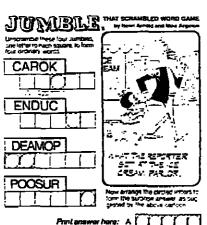




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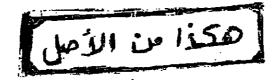
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UMass Upsets Tar Heels As Kansas Stops Gophers The Associated Press NEW YORK — The final secagainst the best trapping team in we know the extent of the injury, but we know the won't play Friday."

NEW YORK — The final seconds looked more like March than

As the last ticks sounded, Massachusetts players jumped into each other's arms or onto courtside tables. Fans stormed the Madison Square Garden floor. It looked like the biggest victory in school histo-

The 19th-ranked Minutemen beat top-ranked and defending national champion North Carolina 91-86 in overtime, Wednesday in the semilinals of the Preseason

It didn't seem to matter much that the victory only got them to Friday night's championship game against No. 6 Kansas, which beat No. 9 Minnesota 76-71 in the other

This was the only game of my career I was ever thinking about constantly since as soon as I knew. we were going to play them," said Massachusetts forward Lou Roe, who finished with 28 points and 14 rebounds. "I wasn't getting any sleep the last few nights, but you know what? It was just fun playing this game."

It didn't seem that way. Massachusetts (3-0) outrebounded the taller, stronger Tar Heels 54-52, but the Minutemen were just 24-for-42 from the foul line (57 percent) and the overall shooting was 41 percent (31-for-76).

"I know you're going to say 'You' time. He was in obvious pain and "They were just too big for us. It missed a lot of free throws' or stayed on the floor for several min- was a matter of sheer size," Minne-Your shooting was off,' and it was until the game was on the line," Massachusetts coach John Calipari

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North Carolina (2-1) is considniemen as starting center Eric Montross and power forward Ke-vin Salvadori both fouled ont.

"Our depth was tested, but it was an excellent game by Massachu-setts," Smith said after his 1,000th game as coach of the Tar Heels left him with a career record of 7/6-224. "Our late-game situations

were not good, but that's my fault."
Massachusetts led 56-50 with 14 minutes left when the Tar Heels went on a 10-0 run, one point less than the one they started the game with. Despite the woeful foul shooting, the Minutemen hung in and Mike Williams' 3-pointer with 20 seconds left tied the game 76-76.

Massachusetts scored the first six points of overtime and another 3-pointer by Williams, this one with 13 seconds left, gave the Min-utemen an 88-84 lead. "In overtime I was looking to get

it to Lou, but they were going to double down and I was open," Williams said. "This was a chance for all of us to prove ourselves, and we

Everything was not perfect for points and Ostertag had 14 points Massachusetts as freshman center and eight rebounds. Marcus Camby went down with a knee injury 16 seconds into over-time. He was in obvious pain and utes before two teammates carried him to the locker room. "That takes a lot away from the

said. "The big number for us was victory," Calipari said. "We don't downs."

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Williams finished with 17 points, while Donta Bright had 15.

ered to have the country's deepest bench as well, and coach Dean lina with 22 points, while Montross Smith needed it against the Min-"We can only hope this helps us and be thankful this is November and not March or April," Smith

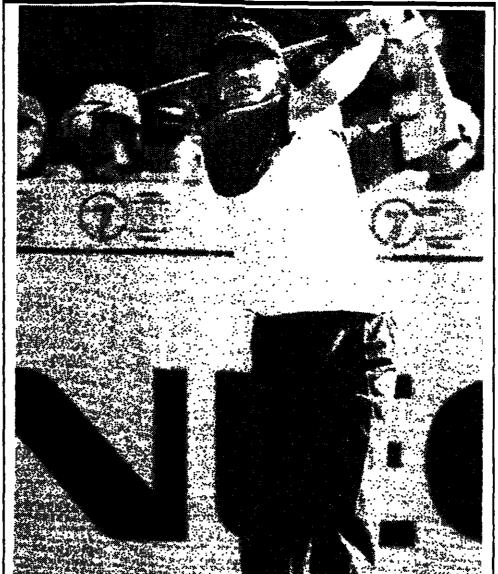
Kansas advanced to the championship game behind the play of seniors Richard Scott, Steve Wood-

berry and Greg Ostertag.
After Minnesota took a 63-62 lead with 5:32 to play, the 7-1 Ostertag scored eight of Kansas' next 11 points, two baskets coming on lobs from Woodberry, two on rebounds. The other points were a 3pointer by Woodberry with 2:34 left that gave Kansas the lead for good at 71-68. Scott added two free throws with 26 seconds remaining for a five-point lead.

"A lot of the young guys on this team look up to us and we have to set an example," said Scott, who finished with 20 points. "We'll take that role, but it has to be everybody contributing every night, not just two or three people. Hey, it's just the third game of the season and we're all still learning our roles." Woodberry finished with 17

Townsend Orr led Minnesota with 16 points. They were just too big for us. It

sota coach Clem Haskins said. "We worked so hard to get back into it, and then we had some break-



FIRING INTO AUSTRALIAN LEAD — The American Brad Faxon teeing off Thursday in the Australian Open in Melbourne. Faxon shot a 7-under-par 65 for a two-stroke first-round lead.

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Sanders Hurt As Bears Down **Hapless Lions**

Detroit Lions lost Barry Sanders, the game, and most of their lead in the National Football Conference Central Division on Thursday.

The resurgent Chicago Bears, led by defensive end Trace Armstrong, had five sacks and forced four turnovers in a 10-6 National Football League victory over the Lions. It was the third straight road

triumph for the Bears (6-5), who have staged their comeback in successive games at San Diego, Kansas City and Detroit. The Lions (7-4) have lost their last two games and will fall into a ne with Green Bay if the Packers defeat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday. Sanders sprained his left knee midway through the third quarter. He is expected to miss three to five

team physician said. But Sanders was never much of a factor Thursday, gaining 63 yards

on 16 carries. Jim Harbaugh, who has experienced some of his worst nightmares in the Silverdome, completed 9 of 16 passes for 123 yards, including the game's only touchdown on a 42-yard strike to Terry Obee. He had one interception.

Kevin Butler added a 27-yard field goal for the Bears. Jason Hanson kicked two field goals for mis-

PONTIAC, Michigan - The of 33 for 167 yards, was the victim of Chicago's swarming defense. Peete lost 21 yards on the five sacks, was intercepted twice and lost two fumbles.

The Bears, who forced three turnovers in the first half, limited the Lions to just nine snaps in the first quarter. On that ninth snap, Richard Dent hit Peete and knocked the ball loose. Armstrong recovered at the Lions' 31.

missed from 49 and 42 yards in the first half, kicked his field goal for a 3-0 Chicago lead. With Peete hitting Brett Perri-

Six plays later, Butler, who

man for gains of 14 and 34 yards. the Lions answered with a nineplay, 58-yard drive for Hanson's 39-yard field goal and a 3-3 tie. The Lions drove to midfield on

weeks with a partial tear of the their next possession. But from a medial collateral ligament. The second-and-15 situation, Armsorain won't require surgery. a strong knocked the ball from Peete's hand as he attempted a pass, then recovered the lumble at the Lions' 42.

On the first snap after that turnover, Harbaugh stepped up in the pocket and lofted a TD strike that Obee, several yards ahead of the Detroit cornerback Ray Crockett, hauled in.

Dan Owens intercepted Harbaugh's shovel pass for Neal Anderson, giving Detroit the ball at Chicago's 40 early in the third quarter. Six plays later, Hanson

Unified EC Olympic Team? Never, Says a Top Official

BRUSSELS — The world can rest assured: No unified European

sporting juggernant will emerge from the European Community's drive for closer economic and political union.

Sports is driven by national passions and will continue to be.
Europe's Olympic chief told the European Parliament on Thursday.

"Sports has always been based on nationality and we don't want to sacrifice that concept," said Jacques Rogge, head of the European Association of National Olympic Committees. "There will be no common European Communication." common Enropean Community team."

The 12-nation Community has long tried to introduce the idea of EC unity in the Olympics or other major sporting events, but has found little or no support from European sporting federations.

EC attempts to streamline legislation throughout the 12 nations has put the politicians in direct confrontation with the federations. The federations refuse to adapt to EC rules on free movement of goods and

people, applying rules imposed by their international bodies. The bissest conflict has been soccer, where the Community wants to end national limits on EC players. Those limits impede the right of an EC critizen to work throughout the Community.

Title Quest Lends Meaning to Nebraska-Oklahoma Matchup

By Robert McG. Thomas Jr. New York Times Service

NEW YORK - They have a wealth of football history and tradition going back to 1912, but when Nebraska takes on Oklahoma for the 74th time Friday, it will be a meaningless game—freighted with signifi-

And for all the psychic satisfaction Oklahoma would derive from knocking off an undefeated team ranked No. 1 by one major poll and No. 2 (behind Florida ate) by another, the Sooners (8-2) would have only a marginal expectation of a ma-

the Aloha Bowl on Dec. 25; a loss (and a 4

What lends meaning to the otherwise meaningless game is Nebraska's quest for On one level, the game in Lincoln, Nebrasbraska, will be classic anticlimax. Nebraska (10-0) clinched the Big Eight title two
weeks ago and, win or lose, the Cornhuskers are going to the Orange Bowl.

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loss would knock it out of contention no
matter who turns out to be its Orange Bowl
opponent. A victory would keep its hopes
alive, especially if Florida State (10-1)
beats Florida (9-1) on Saturday to claim
the other Orange Bowl berth. the other Orange Bowl berth.

On one side of the ledger, both Oklahoma and Nebraska had last weekend off and would seem almost evenly matched on defense, the Sooners having held their oppo-nents to an average of 16.9 points and the Indeed, at immediate stake for the Soon- Cornhuskers having kept their foes to 15.3 with the more effective passing quarter-

A loss would knock Nebraska out of contention no matter who is its Orange Bowl opponent.

Butkus award as the nation's leading collegiate linebacker.

It is the offensive column, however, that explains why Nebraska is a 10-point favorite. True, Oklahoma has a passing edge,

Tommie Frazier, is an option specialist special. who is the team's second leading rusher, and besides, neither Oklahoma nor Ne-

rushing, with an average of 304 yards a game to the Sooners' 193, have the bottom-line advantage, having averaged 40 points a game to Oklahoma's 31. In addition, the game to Oklahoma's 31. In addition, the team's leading rusher, Calvin Jones, is also the league leader, with an average of 120 the run, although Oklahoma has thrown yards a game.

Coach Gary Gibbs put it Wednesday. "We're very confident." Perhaps he was remembering how Oklahoma has handed Nebraska its only regular-season loss five

ers is whether they finish third (at 5-2) points. Nebraska claims the biggest defen-behind Colorado (5-1-1) in the Big Fight, sive gun, outside linebacker Trev Alberts. or fifth (4-3) behind Kansas State (4-2-1). He leads the team in tackles (94) and sacks A victory would probably mean a trip to (15), and is one of three finalist for the

rivalry," he said. "The players don't talk much about Oklahoma or Colorado or

will rarely be in the air. Both teams prefer the ball a bit more, an average of just about

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Invitation to a Bashing

By Russell Baker NEW YORK—An angry letter writer who says he is rich accuses me of "rich-bashing" in a recent column. Not content with that, he insinuates that I am proba-

I deny this last charge and do so vehemently and categorically, just in case any deadbeat relatives, alumni associations or encyclopedia salesmen happen to be reading this newspaper. If I were rich, would I be wearing an off-the-rack suit that fits as if it had been tailored for Dr. Frankenstein's deformed assistant, Igor?

On the other hand I confess gladly to being a basher of the rich. Giving them a sturdy bashing makes you feel tip-top if you don't happen to be rich yourself. I don't know about you, but after I've engaged in a brisk bout of rich-bashing it comforts me no end to realize that, thanks to my fragile bank balance. I will never have to suffer that kind of abuse.

Of course, the only bashing I can dish out is verbal, and as Averell Harriman said many a time, Sticks and stones et cetera, but

Harriman was probably the richest rich man I ever went to the movies with. In those days Jack Valenti, the head of the movie lobby, used to invite me to screenings and Harriman was usually there since he loved movies, especially when he could get in free.

At intermissions, whenever he was not on the phone telling the president how to deal with the Soviets or the Vietnamese, Harriman would ask me to bash him a little.

I hated to do it because not only was he a genuinely patriotic and hard-working rich man, but also because both of us always liked the same movies. Bashing Harriman was nothing like the fun you got out of bashing, say, Michael Milken when the yuppie rich were hog-

ging all the money in the 1980s. Harriman was authentically rich. The angry letter writer who taxes me for journalistic "rich-bashing" is obviously not truly rich and, indeed, may not be rich at all, as he claims to be, but just another fellow with a top-of-the-line German car.

The truly rich can never be offended by a stiff verbal bashing. To the contrary, they are delighted to submit to it, for they know that a great deal of malice can be worked off in steamy words.

Or as Harriman, in an uncharacteristically long-winded observa-tion, explained when I asked why he would never allow me to let up in applying the verbal bash to the rich, and especially him: "Once malcon-tents have emitted the worst of their bile in schmooze, they will be too

tired to do a lot of ax swinging."

Could he state the principle in plainer English? He could and did. never have to say, 'It is a far, far better et cetera.

New York Times Service

Paris Opéra's New Direction

PARIS — France's conservative government, making public a report severely critical of both the conception and the operation of the Opera Bastille, one of President François Mitterrand's grand cultural projects, announced a reorganization of the Paris Opera and named the author of the report as

its director beginning in 1995. Hugues Gall, now director of the Grand Theatre of Geneva and formerly deputy administrator of the Paris Opera under Rolf Liebermann, will become director of the renamed Opéra National de Paris for a six-year term, with both artistic and administrative responsibil-

ity and control of both theaters, the Bastille and the Palais Garnier, the former Opera. Opera and ballet will be performed in both houses. unlike the present separation of functions. Other projects include a renovation of the 118-year-old Palais Garnier, a price restructuring to make more moderately priced seats available at the Bastille, and a concerted plan to build a viable opera repertoire for the company.

Today marks a new start for the Paris Opéra. France's cultural vocation demands that the Opera, with all its faults and qualities, be worthy of the place we deserve. This is not the case today." Culture Minister Jacques Toubon said.

Lose 115 Pounds and Win a Talk Show By Degen Pener New York Times Service N EW YORK — America's most pleas-ingly plump, cheerfully chubby young

actress is no longer living with euphemisms. When Ricki Lake made her movie debut almost six years ago in John Waters's "Hairspray," those were the kinds of phrases people used to describe her. Back then, while just 19 years old and 5 feet 4 inches (1.62 meters) tall, she weighed 200

pounds (90 kilos) Her role - a sweet, overweight girlnext-door who lands a spot on a Baltimore television dance program — won her a quick and early dose of fame.

Today, she probably wouldn't get the part. Lake, since topping out at somewhere over 250 pounds, has a new, retooled celebrity body, having shed more than 115 pounds over the last two and a half years.

"I was happy then," Lake said, over a rather light dinner recently at Mike's American Bar and Grill, a quirky Tex-Mex restaurant

in New York. "I'm just happier now. Clearly so much happier now that I can fit in this booth and not feel uncomfortable. "Some people say I've sold out, you know. I was this role model for heavy people. But the thing is, I never set out to be a role model at all, and I don't set out to be one now. I won't preach to anyone and tell them how to lose weight. I don't know

any better than the next person." Lake does not mind discussing the weight, but that's not why she came to dinner. For while she may no longer be fat, she's also not just an actress. Since Sept. 13, she has been the host of "Ricki Lake." one of the latest entrants in the growing group of daytime syndicated talk shows.

Three new syndicated shows made de-buts in the fall, bringing the number of daytime talk shows to roughly 20. "Ricki Lake," on WWOR-TV, Channel 9, in New York, covers the usual gabfest turf: sibling strife, surprise marriage proposals, interracial dating and makeovers galore. But Lake, who is now all of 25, has just broken away from the pack of newcomers. In October her show's Nielsen

that of two other new syndicated shows, "Bertice Berry" and "Les Brown." Lake is candid, open and empathetic though, of course, those are the prerequisites for being a talk-show host.

rating among women 18 to 34 was double

Her improved ratings — with a signifi-cant jump in recent weeks — can be attributed to other traits. She's a bit nutty, she



The new Ricki Lake, cheerful but less voluminous.

has a certain hipness that can easily irk people over 30, and most of all, she's bold. For starters, Lake showed up for dinner wearing no makeup, fully aware that she was to be photographed. Not much later, she made it clear that she's not afraid to criticize the competition. "I wouldn't go on 'Geraldo.'" she said. "He scares me.

He's too accusatory and too meddling. Even more shocking, just a few minutes after she gingerly began eating her fettuc-cine with white beans, tomato sauce and earlic, she broke what would seem to be a cardinal rule in the entertainment world: Don't contradict your own news releases.

The publicity agents for her show have made much of the story that Lake appeared on "Oprah Winfrey" a few years ago and talked of having her own show one day. The truth is that it never was a deeply held ambition.

"Everyone is blowing this story well out of proportion," she said. "I was on Oprah's show after 'Hairspray.' This was before she lost any weight. She was heavy and I was heavy, and for some reason I related to her. I was a big fan and I thought I'd tell her, 'Boy, I wish I could be more like you.' They turned it into this whole, you know, I saw it back then: I knew."

Lake then proceeded to tell the real story of how she became a talk-show host, after having made nine movies, including "Cry-Baby" (another John Waters film), and having appeared in the television series "China Beach."

It began with the demise of another talk show. In the spring of last year, Garth Ancier, a former president of entertainment for Fox Broadcasting Co., and Gail Steinberg, a former producer of "Donahue" and "Geraldo," set out to create a talk show

aimed at a 20- and 30-something audience. The result was "Jane," a show whose host was Jane Pratt, then 29 and the editor in chief of Sassy magazine. After a test run, the show wasn't renewed. Ancier

started looking for a new host. "They were throwing names around," Lake said. "They wanted to take the show national, and they wanted to find a youn-

ger host." Lake, to her own surprise, wound up being cast. The offer couldn't have come at a better time. After "China Beach" was canceled, Lake had hit one of those dry periods in an actor's life. Negotiations to start a sitcom inspired by Marlo Thomas's "That Girl" never went further than that. And just before she was contacted by Ancier, a part she felt she'd been promised in a television movie had fallen through.

"You're not just desperate because the part is perfect for you," Lake said. "You are desperate because you need to work. That's happened countless times in my career. I've been promised this job, I've been promised that job.

"And that's why when this talk show came around I was like, Yeah, yeah, sure, sure. I've heard this before, O. K. So I went to the meeting and I knew it had to be sort of important because it was on the Fox lot in L. A. I just took it as a meeting and it turned into this."

So now Lake spends her days going over the usual talk-show fare: talking to mothers about their problem daughters, to women in the Ku Klux Klan, to men about sexual turn-ons and to women whose brothers claim they are too promiscuous. But with her own spin.

"Our show is funny," she said. "It's not exploitative. It's not crude. It's not freaks. We're offering a clearer alternative to people who want to watch talk shows but feel they can't relate to the shows on menopause or whatever — the older skewing issues."

One of her biggest challenges is control-

ling the guests on each show's panel. When you do a show like 'stay away from my black man, the audience gets so riled up," said Lake, who recently took a very direct approach to the task.

"You have to talk one at a time," she continued. "In this case, the woman would not listen to me and it was to a point where it was, like, inexcusable. So I just went up on stage, I bent down in front of her and I pinched her on the leg. She shut up and I just said: 'Ma'am, I'm not going to tell you again. You have to be quiet."

It had been almost 40 minutes since her pasta had arrived and Lake still hadn't finished it. When she finally let the waitress take it away, she steadfastly refused an offer of dessert.

"I would not even think of eating that," said Lake, who works with a personal trainer who keeps track of her weight even though she says she has no interest in knowing the numbers. "I'm done and I'm

being weighed tomorrow.
"Scales are not my friend. I'm not overweight now, but I truly do not know what I weigh. It's not so much losing weight now as it is toning my body."

PEOPLE

Phoenix's Mother Says He Wasn't an Addict

River Phoenix's mother says that her son was not an addict or a regular drug user and that the over-dose that led to his death stemmed from a party scene "way beyond his usual experience and control. Itis my prayer that River's leaving in this way will focus the attention of the world on how painfully the spirits of his generation are being worn down," his mother, Heart Phoenix, said in a letter published in the Los Angeles Times. The 23-year-old star of "Stand by Me" and "My Own Private Idaho" died of an overdose of cocaine and heroin on Oct. 31 after partying at the Viper Room, a trendy Hollywood nightclub co-owned by the actor Johnny Depp.

George Harrison may bid aloha to his Hawaii home. Three neighbors took him to court saying the original owners of his estate on the island of Mani set up an easement to assure access to a stretch of shoreline. Harrison said he wasn't aware of the easement and wouldn't have bought the property in 1981 had he known strangers would be allowed to walk 100 feet from his home. A judge ruled this week that Harrison must allow access, but Harrison plans to appeal.

Mstislav Rostropovich and Jean-Pierre Rampal helped celebrate the Polish composer Krzysztof Penderecki's 60th birthday with performances of his work at a gala concert in Warsaw.

The Jackson mystique failed to draw South Africans to a series of concerts by Michael Jackson's sister, Latoya. The tour ended in a flop, when fewer than 700 fans attended her show in Cape Town. Organizers said even smaller audiences had turned up at earlier concerts.

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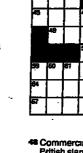
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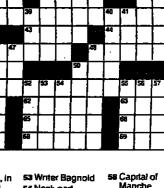
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